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Debate on no-confidence motion against Modi government begins; Opposition party asks why PM has not visited the strife-torn State; BJP leader terms motion an attack on 'poor-person's son'

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Opening the debate: Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon Session of Parliament on Tuesday. ANI

The debate on the Opposition-sponsored no-confidence motion against the Narendra Modi government started in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, with the Congress's Deputy Leader of the House, Gaurav Gogoi, questioning the "*maun vrat*" (vow of silence) of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Manipur and asking why he had not visited the strife-torn State so far.

Mr. Gogoi said the government that "talks of one India has today created two Manipurs and deeply divided communities are now talking the language of revenge against each other". The Congress member posed a series of questions on Manipur. He asked why the Prime Minister had not visited the State, why it took 80 days to break his silence on the State, and why Chief Minister N. Biren Singh had not been sacked.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey said the parties belonging to the INDIA bloc had brought a no-confidence motion against a "poor person's son" who had worked for the welfare of the people.

Mr. Dubey then quoted the Prime Minister to say that the Opposition had brought the no-trust motion to test the confidence of its own alliance members in each other.

Attacking Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi, who was present in the House, Mr. Dubey said she was following the tradition of Indian women of "*bete ko set karna hai, damaad ko bhent karna hai* [Has to set her son, and give gift to her son-in-law]".

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said the Congress and the other Opposition parties brought the no-trust motion at a "wrong time and in a wrong manner" as Mr. Modi had emerged as the world leader and the country was moving towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

The start of the debate witnessed sharp exchanges between Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Mr. Gogoi.

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Police register case against Assam Rifles in Manipur

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Force vs force: Assam Rifles personnel in Manipur. The police have accused them of 'obstruction of duty'. ANI

In an unprecedented move, the Manipur Police have registered a criminal case against the Assam Rifles, the oldest paramilitary force in the country, for "obstruction of duty" and "criminal intimidation".

The police have accused personnel of the 9th battalion of the Assam Rifles of the "arrogant act" of "giving a chance to the accused Kuki militants to escape freely to a safe zone".

The first information report (FIR) comes in the wake of the August 5 incident at Kwakta in the Meitei-dominated Bishnupur area where a father-son duo and another person were hacked to death in their sleep by armed miscreants, suspected to be members of the Kuki community who came from the neighbouring Churachandpur district.

Following the killings, the Manipur Police alleged that their team was stopped by the Assam Rifles unit from conducting a search operation to trace the suspected attackers who could have been hiding in the area. They alleged that the Assam Rifles, which is under the operational control of the Army, used armoured vehicles to block their way.

A video of the altercation went viral the same day.

Meanwhile, the Army, in a statement late on Tuesday, said that some inimical elements had made desperate, repeated, and failed attempts to question the role, intent, and integrity of the Central security forces, especially Assam Rifles, that is working relentlessly towards saving lives and restoration of peace in Manipur since May 3.

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Sharp rise in teen pregnancies

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Karnataka has witnessed a sharp rise in teenage pregnancies over the last three years. The number went up from 10,101 during the calendar year 2020 to 13,159 in 2021 before registering a substantial increase to 19,561 during 2022. » Page 4

Development works halt in city

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Development works in Bengaluru have come to a standstill with the State government yet to grant permission to float fresh tenders. » Page 2

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Hi-tech security system for Vidhana Soudha premises in the offing

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has embarked on an ambitious project to set up an integrated hi-tech security and surveillance and visitors' monitoring system for the Vidhana Soudha, the Vikasa Soudha and the Legislators' Home in Bengaluru.

Some 10 tech firms, including tier-Is, have evinced interest in being part of the project, while many others are likely to bid. The implementing authority, in consultation with the government, will zero in on the tech, security, and surveillance partners, Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly U.T. Khader told *The Hindu*. The new system would also do away with the long waiting time of citizens who come to visit various departments, the Speaker said.

How system works

Under this system, he said, people could give details to their respective gram panchayat mentioning what they want, their personal details, and mobile numbers. Each gram panchayat may have an interface to the security surveillance platform, and the applicant will be given an access number/QR code on his/her mobile phone which will contain the entry pass, time, and the department to contact at the Vidhana Soudha.

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Resolution in Kerala Assembly seeks to scrap plan for UCC

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Legislative Assembly on Tuesday passed a unanimous resolution demanding that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Union government abandon the polarising move to draft a Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan tabled the politically consequential motion that has an immediate bearing on preserving the personal laws that govern marriage, divorce, inheritance, and succession of minority community members, chiefly Muslims.

Predictably, Mr. Vijayan won across-the-aisle support from the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) Opposition.

The Chief Minister said the BJP intended to dictate how society should run under the pretext of imposing a UCC. It sought to slyly imbue the proposed UCC with aspects of the *Manusmriti*, he said.

Mr. Vijayan said the BJP sought to use UCC as a legislative pretext to pass a dubious law to enslave citizens under a viciously harsh, obscurantist, retrogressive and viscerally hierarchical caste system that sought to retard the social progress ushered in by the Renaissance movement.

Mr. Vijayan said a UCC would render the statutory autonomous councils for tribal development in the northeast redundant.

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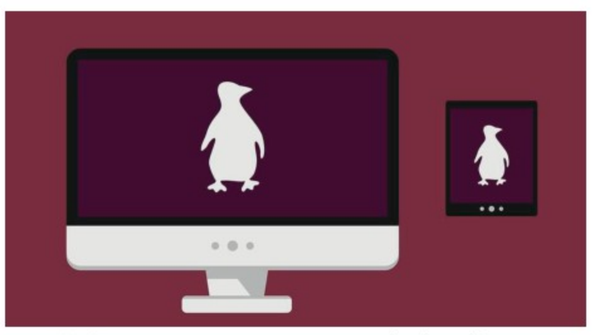
Defence Ministry to switch to locally built OS in computers amid threats

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI



New platform: Maya operating system was developed by government agencies in six months. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

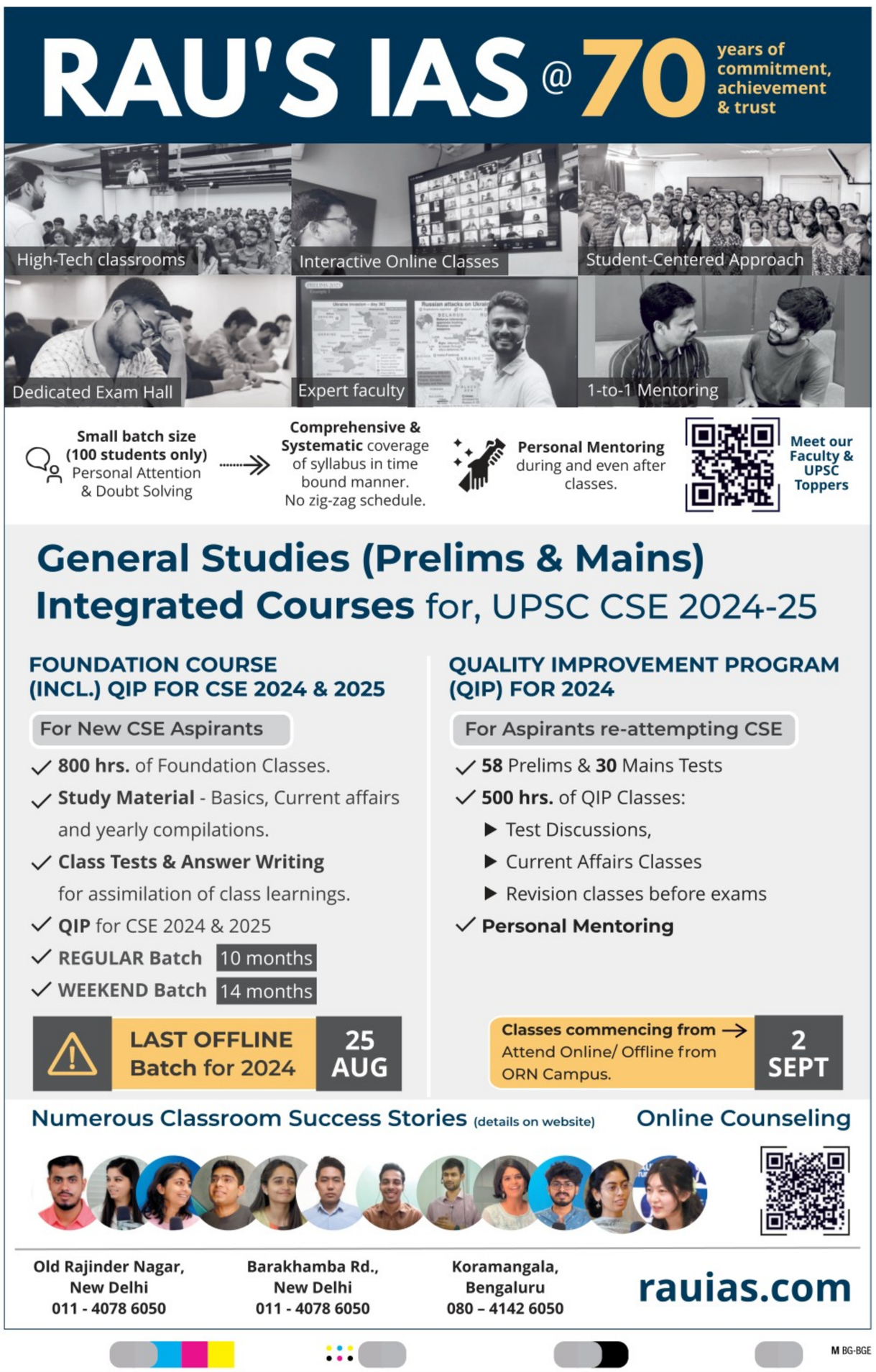
In the face of increasing cyber and malware attacks on defence as well as critical infrastructure across the country, the Defence Ministry has decided to replace the Microsoft Operating System (OS) in all computers connected to the Internet with a new locally developed OS, Maya, based on open-source Ubuntu.

"Maya has the interface and all functionality like Windows and users will not feel much difference as they transition to it. To begin with, the direction is to install Maya on all computers connected to the Internet in South Block before August 15," one official involved in the process said. In addition, an 'end point detection and protection system', 'Chakravyuh', is also being installed in these systems.

Currently, Maya is being installed only in Defence Ministry systems and not on computers connected to the networks of the three Services.

On this, the official said the three Services had also vetted it and would adopt it on service networks as well soon.

The Navy had already cleared it and the Army and the Air Force were currently evaluating it, the official added. Maya was developed by government development agencies within six months, the official said. Maya would prevent malware attacks and other cyberattacks, the official noted.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The Butt siblings who did their bit as coaches to restore Pakistan's glory

Rehan's makeshift solution in the spur of the moment culminated in his brother Imran, along with himself, contributing to the nation's rich history in hockey; both are passionate about the sport, and their return to the fold marked an attempt to try and arrest the side's slide

Abhishek Saini

Imran Butt, a silver medallist at the 2014 Asian Games and Champions Trophy, could not have cared less about hockey for it had no room for him, a left-handed player. Cricket, on the other hand, made no such distinction.

"I wanted to play as a forward but found there were no lefties here. So, cricket was fine for me. Azhar Ali (a former Pakistan cricketer) was a good friend and we used to play together. He is still one of my closest friends," recalls Imran.

Things were brighter for Imran's elder brother, Rehan Butt. Five years older than him, Rehan had found a companion in the hockey stick. He was a sensation for his school and club teams, flourishing in the role Imran yearned for.

Turning point

It was after a performance at an inter-school tournament in Lahore that Rehan got unrelenting support from his parents. Academics could take a back seat for me, Rehan remarks with a cheeky smile.

"*Pehli baar jo padhai ki talvar uthee thi hamare sar se*" (The first time the pressure of academics from parents relented) was after a school tournament called Jaffer Memorial in Lahore. I was the best player in that. I got a ticket for the Umrah (a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia) as a prize. So, my father was delighted that at such a young age I got him an Umrah, and he always promoted me to continue playing," says Rehan.

The Imran puzzle, however, still needed solving. Long interventions to at least try a right-handed stick and tagging him along to watch his club matches yielded no results. What ultimately pulled Imran to the sport were dire circumstances.

New experience

"He was playing one day for his club and I was sitting in the stands watching him," recollects Imran. "His team's goalkeeper did not turn up. Rehan *bhai* asked me to just wear the pads and stand in front of the goal.

"It was new for me. I did not have the faintest idea of how to stop a ball. It came on my left side and I put my hand in the way. It was fun seeing the ball deflect off my glove like a spring. That was my start," says Imran.

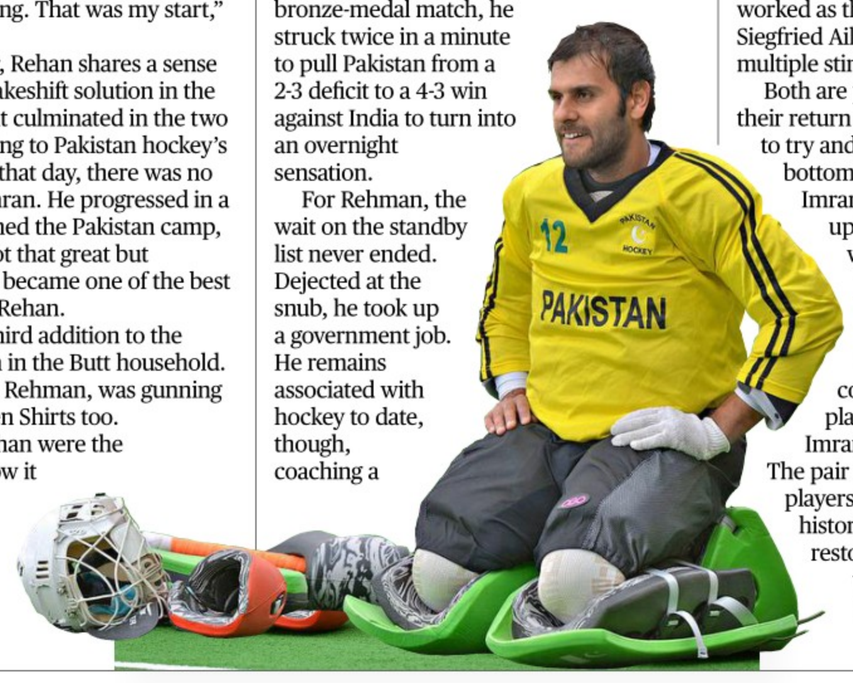
Many years later, Rehan shares a sense of pride that his makeshift solution in the spur of the moment culminated in the two brothers contributing to Pakistan hockey's rich history. "After that day, there was no turning back for Imran. He progressed in a blink. When he joined the Pakistan camp, he was probably not that great but improved a lot and became one of the best in the world," says Rehan.

Imran was the third addition to the hockey bandwagon in the Butt household. The eldest brother, Rehman, was gunning to play for the Green Shirts too.

Rehman and Rehan were the first to break in. How it happened is a tale in itself. "There is a famous college in Lahore – the Government College. Its students are called Ravians. And people take pride in being associated with the name," says Rehan. "I was not that good in studies, to tell you the reality. Neither was Rehman. Passing marks *hee lete the* (We used to get passing marks). Imran was much better than us. All we had was hockey. When we gave our matric exams and went for admission, we somehow managed to top the merit list in the sports quota. That was a proud moment for us."

Within a year, the brothers were in the Pakistan camp. But that's as far as they trod the same path. Six months later, Rehan was on the team for the 2002 Champions Trophy in Cologne. In the bronze-medal match, he struck twice in a minute to pull Pakistan from a 2-3 deficit to a 4-3 win against India to turn into an overnight sensation.

For Rehman, the wait on the standby list never ended. Dejected at the snub, he took up a government job. He remains associated with hockey to date, though, coaching a college team in Lahore. Imran made it to the junior side in 2006 for a four-nation tournament in Singapore. His first senior cap came six years later.



Despite making it to the national side, Imran and Rehan share a common regret. The brothers were not able to play together in the senior team. By the time Imran was a regular in the senior setup, Rehan was in his twilight. A small opportunity arrived during the 2012 London Olympics but Imran was dropped right before the event.

They were together for the 2014 World Cup, although Rehan was in as a coach.

After their playing days, Rehan in 2012 and Imran in 2018, the brothers came on board with the coaching staff too. Imran worked as the goalkeeping coach under Siegfried Aikman and Rehan has had multiple stints.

Both are passionate about the sport, and their return to the sport marks an attempt to try and arrest Pakistan's slide into a bottomless pit that many fear. For Imran, it is about updating and upgrading the sport. Rehan sees a way through by incentivising youngsters to take up hockey.

Distinct as their approaches might be, the brothers are back for a common cause. They could not play together on the field, but Imran and Rehan have united off it. The pair has won countless accolades as players that secure them a place in history, but it's their initiative to restore lost glory as coaches that tops off their servitude to Pakistan hockey.

THE GIST

- Rehan was a sensation for his school and club teams, flourishing as a striker — a role Imran yearned for
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Coach Haiqin Weng — at the helm of China's clinical, Hi-tech approach

Uthra Ganesan

The Chinese team at the Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai has been inexperienced but impressive, physically powerful and fighting hard. They have also been the most disciplined side in the tournament. Not surprising, given their coach has also been an umpire and co-authored a research paper on the physical demands of the sport.

Haiqin Weng looks more academic than sporty, but there is no doubting the seriousness of this tournament for his side.

"This is a very high level tournament and we are putting full efforts. It is difficult to reach the top-four here, yes, but we are taking every match very seriously, even if we lose. There are valuable world ranking points available and we are playing with full intensity," he told *The Hindu*, speaking through a translator.

The paper he co-authored, which was published earlier this year, was on improving already existing studies on maximising player performance by analysing physiological data to tailor training programmes considering individual player's internal responses to certain external stimulus, based on data collected during the 2021 National games of China.

"The aim of this study was to investigate the peak running, mechanical, and physiological demands of players of different positions in professional men's field hockey matches. Eighteen professional male field hockey players participated in the study, and data were collected in eleven official matches... Physical and physiological output of forwards, midfielders, and defenders in full matches and during 1-minute peak periods was analysed.

No shortcuts: Weng has ensured that what China lacks in experience, it compensates with discipline and attitude. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"For all metrics and positions, the values identified for the 1-min peak periods were greater than the average values of match play. In terms of 1-min peak period Player Load, forwards achieved the highest while defenders the lowest," the summation of the paper says.

"Technology is very important, from a tactical point of view to fitness issues, in games. It is very useful to assess players and for them to analyse their opponents, individually and as a team, in a match, which is a big challenge. Hi-tech analysis is extremely important before and during games," he explained. It helped that he was coach of the Guangdong hockey team during the study, ensuring there was enough subject material to test.

What he is less comfortable with is the constant changes in international rules but, as a former umpire, understands there is little to do other than adapt to it. "The rule changes every time is very confusing and difficult to keep planning accordingly. But as a coach we just need to get used to them and make sure the players understand them. It is very useful being an umpire-turned-coach because you are familiar with the changes all the time and can keep the players updated," he added.

Given the way his wards have pushed teams here, it won't be a surprise if they cause an upset or two at the Asian Games.

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I, AMBRISH A V, R/at Adur Village, Bangalore–49, have lost my two original documents at Near my residence I have raised an lost complaint dtd 11–05–2023, FIR No. 0559294/2023, the Registered two Sale Deeds a) Doc No. 2970/95–96, dtd 30–06–1995, stands in the name of V.Balraju and b) Doc No. 10084/95–96, dtd 27–12–1995, stands in the name of D.A.Thimmaiah, regd at Krishnarajapuram Sub Registrar, if anyone found the document Please contact Mob No. 9731305305.

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LOST LAKSHMI Dalit Seva Trust, Eguvarpalayam Gift Deed #971/93 & #130/93 at Varthur on 3–Aug–23. If found, please call 9886220622.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-69) ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 1094 OF 2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.
a body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having-Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007. And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560068 And represented by its POA Holder and Collection Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M, S/o Ishrath Ali M, Age: 24 years ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. Manjunath B ...Defendant

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publiction

To,
Defendant :
Mr. Manjunath B
Aged about 27 years,
Son of Bramhachar
R/at. No. 4430/1, 36th Main 46th Cross, Near BDA Park, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore- 560078

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 & 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs. 2,03,241/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Three Thousand Two Hundred and Forty one Only)** as together with interest at the rate **18% p.a.** from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on **14-09-2023** at **11.00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 04th day of August, 2023.

By the order of the court
Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru,
Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No.4(10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No.25, presently bearing Katha No.125/4/49/2, Property No. 49/2, Situated at (NEW MANJUNATHA LAYOUT) Near Ramamurthynagar, Kowdenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.26, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 36 Feet in total Measuring 1440 Square feet, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, having constructed a building consisting of 882 Square Feet of Ground Floor, 1051 Square Feet of First Floor, having RCC roofing, Bricks and cement, Vitrified flooring, Honne Wood doors and windows, electricity and water connection with all civic amenities, hereunder and hereinafter referred to as SCHEDULE PROPERTY. Mr. WILLIAM ANAND BHASKER Having acquired this Schedule Property, vide the Deed of Sale dated 10.02.2021, registered as document No.KRI-1-09080-2020-21, stored in CD No. KRID1167, in the office of Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, K.R Puram, Bangalore, from its previous owners Mr. Rajkumar Selvarajan @ Mr. S Rajakumar, Son of Mr. A Selvarajan for a valuable sale consideration.

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East : Site No. 22; West : Road;
North : Private Property; South : Site No 24.

Further, any Persons having any right, title and interest whatsoever over the said properties may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

Sd/-**B. Vivek Anand Sagar**
Ashvik Law Associates,
Advocates and Solicitors,
Office at No 24, Sri Rama Mandir Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/55/2023
Dated : 03-08-2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Proposed Upgradation/ Development of maintenance infrastructure at Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal Maintenance of Vande Bharat Chair car trains - Extension of MEMU shed. **(Tender Ref. No: BYPL-3CT-18-R)**	Rs. 3,86,78,099.55

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 23-08-2023

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction / Works
Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/288/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

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IN THE HON'BLE COURT SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT ANEKAL

O.S. No. 371/2020

Between: Smt. Yeshodamma W/o Sri. Muniramappa, Aged about 54 years, R/at # No. 106/4, Lakshmipura Village, Sakalavara Post, Jigine Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. ...PLAINTIFF

And: Sri Manje Gowda P.B, S/o Bomme Gowda, Age about 43 years, R/at Pitte Koppalu Village, Lalanakere Post, Bindiganavile Hobli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandy District. ...DEFENDANT

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT BY THE WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed the above suit for relief of declaration and permanent injunction and other consequential reliefs against the defendant in respect of the schedule properties now the defendant is hereby informed to appear before the Hon'ble court **on 05.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M,** if failed to appear before the Hon'ble court may place ex-parte and proceed with the suit in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Survey No.106/4 and new Survey No. 106/11 total an extent of 0.11.08 guntas, situated at Lakshmipura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk bounded by:

East by: Property belongs to Ramaiah, West by: Road, North by: Property belongs to Chandrappa, South by: Property belongs to Mani.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 3rd day of August 2023.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Anekal.
Advocate for Plaintiff :
N. VASANT KUMAR Advocates
Off: # 696, 2nd Floor, Mahalakshmi Complex, CBI Main Road, Ganga Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent No. 3
Vide order dated : 26.07.2023

R.F.A. No. 779/2015

Mr. Talisetty Venkata Narasimha Kiran ...Appellant

(By Sriyuths: Shanmukhappa, adv. for appellant by Kesvy & Co. (NOC VK Filed), S.N. Sameer & Others advs., for appellant (NOC Given)

V/s

Richard Wagoner JR & Another ...Respondent

(By Sriyuths V. Ganga Bai and others advs. for R1 by M/s. VGB Assts.)

To, Respondent:

2. Ms. Shicla Sarver Jain, Director Engineering and Operation, G.M. Technical Center-India, Unit 1-8, 3rd Floor, Creator Building, International Technology Park, Bangalore, Whitefield Road, Bangalore - 560 066.

Appeal from the Judgment & Decree dated: 30.01.2015 passed in OS. No. 258/2006 on the file of the Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court-II, Bangalore (R) District, Bangalore.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal **on 20.09.2023** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the **26th Day of July 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

(A Joint Venture of GoK & GoI)
E-mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in Website: www.bmrc.co.in
No.: BMRCL/ELE/NIT/314/2023 Date: 09.08.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites sealed Tenders through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) from suitably qualified, eligible, reputed and experienced tenderers for the work of **"Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 33kV Distribution, 750V DC Third Rail Traction Electrification including Traction Substations, Auxiliary Substations and SCADA System for Phase-2A & Phase-2B"** under single stage, Two envelope system. Cost of Tender documents (non-refundable): **INR 1,18,800/-** [1,00,000+ 18,000 (GST @18%)]. (OR) USD 1424 [1206+218(GST@18%)]. Online sale of Documents: **From 18.08.2023 until midnight of 16.09.2023.** Submission of tenders: **26.10.2023 from 11.00 hrs(IST) to 15.00 Hrs(IST).** Opening of Tenders: **26.10.2023 at 15.30 Hrs(IST).** For further details visit our website: **www.bmrc.co.in from 09.08.2023.**

Sd/- Managing Director

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
(Original jurisdiction)
PROBATE C.P No. 14/2022
In the matter of the Will of
Mrs. Prabhavati Singh (deceased)

BETWEEN : 1. Vinita Kishore Nandwani
Daughter of Late Mrs. Prabhavati Singh, Aged about 62 years, Residing at A101, Century Wintersun, Doddaballapur Apparel Park, Karnataka – 562163. ...PETITIONER
AND: NIL ...RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, Vinita Kishore Nandwani, the Petitioner above named has filed a petition dated 30.07.2022 for the grant of Letters of Administration under Section 278, Part IX of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the movable assets owned by the deceased Late. Mrs. Prabhavati Singh.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered by anyone and that the said petition is posted for hearing on **04.09.2023** and all persons claiming to have an interest in the estate of the deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of the Letters of Administration.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court 2nd day of August, 2023.

By order of the Hon'ble Court
Assistant Registrar

Advocate for Petitioner:
Pradeep Nayak
M/s Keystone Partners
35/2, Cunningham Rd, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052. +91 9972003652

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax : 080-22215602

Tender No: DYES/SSH/81/2023-24 **Date: 08.08.2023**

Short-term Tender Notification
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

According to Karnataka Transparency in public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports is inviting tender for the procurement of Sports Uniforms to Sports Hostels across Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount (in Rs.)	EMD amount (in Rs.)
1	Procurement of Sports Uniforms to Sports Hostels across Karnataka.	4,04,02,418/-	6,06,036/-

The tender should be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

1) Last date and time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: Dt: 24.08.2023 time 16.00 Hrs.
2) Opening of Technical Bid: Dt: 25.08.2023 time 16.30 Hrs.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and
(Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/CP/840/AKAR/2023-24 **Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded
E-TENDER NOTICE N0.14/2023-24

Online Tender (e-tender) in **B-1** form for the in Nanded District total **25 (Twenty Five)** works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded (Phone No.02467-222658) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. From the registered contractor in appropriate class of Public works Department of Maharashtra State. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tender portal https://mahatenders.gov.in/ on sub portal www.mahapwd.gov.in as under.

Note:
1. Details of the tender documents are available on e-tendering https://mahatenders.gov.in/ and www.mahapwd.gov.in website of the Government of Maharashtra.
2. If there are any changes in the tender notice, then the information will be display on the website.
3. Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded has reserved the right to accept or reject tenders.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Bhokar Dist. Nanded

DGIPR/2023-2024/2688

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (Arcil)

***acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil-CPS-008-II Trust set up in respect of financial assets pertaining to* Coastal Projects Limited (now in liquidation)**
Arcil Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400 028 Website: www.arcil.co.in, CIN-U65999MH2002PLC134884

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of Immovable properties

Public/ E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to **Borrower: Coastal Projects Limited (now in liquidation)** and their Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of South Indian Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on August 28, 2023 at 3.00 p.m.** at **Arcil's Office, The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028,** for recovery of **Rs.63,11,41,577.83 (Rupees Sixty Three Crores Eleven Lacs Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven and Eighty Three Paise Only)** to Bank as on August 16, 2017 together with further interest thereon at contractual/documented rates and other incidental expensesfrom August 16, 2017 onwards till payment due to the Secured Creditor from **Coastal Projects Limited (now in liquidation)** and **Mr. M.Gopal- the Guarantor(s), Mr. S.Surendra** and **Mr. G.Hari Hara Rao.**

Description of the Property, Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit

Description of the Property	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)
All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 2 Acres bearing Sy.No.42 situated at PattandurAgrahara Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded as follows: North:** Government Gutta, **South:** Road, **East:** Road, **West:** Lands belonging to Sri. Narayana Swamy.	18,00,00,000	1,80,00,000

Encumbrances known to secured creditor: Not known

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited** - Secured Creditor's website i.e. **http://www.arcil.co.in** and may contact Arcil Officers viz **Mr. Meraj Sayed (+91 9820485425) / Mr. Srinivasa Yekabote (+91 9821232244).**

Date: August 09, 2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Mumbai **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner viz., **LINEA PROPERTIES** (A Partnership Firm)erstwhile known as **M/s. Anand Builders & Consultants**, having R/o at No.77, Ground Floor, Brindavan Layout, 2nd Stage, Doddabele Road, Kengeri, B'lore - 60 and **MR. MARUTHI PRASAD URF SHIVAMURTHI SWAMIJI** S/o Mr. B. V. Muniyappa, R/a Near KSRTC Workshop, Doddabele Road, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, BSTQ. The said owners have informed my client that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, claims, etc., (except the existing loan in HDFC Ltd in respect of Flat E-302).

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., having any valid right, title, interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s within **7 (Seven) Days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from all claims and encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Flat No.	Floor	SBUA (Sq.ft.) Including Terrace area	Owner
1.	E-302	Third	3107	LINEA PROPERTIES
2.	A-104	First	1378	LINEA PROPERTIES
3.	A-105	First	1582	Mr. Maruthi Prasad Urf. Shivamurthy Swamiji

THE ABOVE FLATS CONSTRUCTED ON ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THEconverted land bearing Sy No.115/4, 1 Acre 20 Guntas, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comeunder BBMP Limits, vide BBMP Khatha No.4857/115/4, Hemmigepura - Ward No. 198, Bangalore.

Ashok Kumar R, Advocate, No.105,1st Floor, Money Point Building, Opp to Shanthinagar Bus Stand, K. H. Road (Double Road) B'lore – 560027 M: 7204877309

INBRIEF

BEML gets ₹3,177-crore rolling stock order from BMRCL

Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML) has received a rolling stock order worth ₹3,177 crore from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL). A BMRCL official said, "BEML secured the Letter of Acceptance from BMRCL for the supply of rolling stock contract 5RS-DM valued at ₹3,177 crore for supply and 15 years' maintenance of 318 coaches for Phase-2, 2A, & 2B corridors."

Ashok D. Hanjagi appointed Dean of BU Faculty of Sciences

Ashok D. Hanjagi, professor, Department of Geography, Bangalore University, has been appointed as Dean, Faculty of Science, Bangalore University, for a period of two years. The university issued a notification in this regard.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated August 9, read about 'Feeder IA', an initiative by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, along with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport, to address the city's last-mile connectivity problem.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (August 9, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- What is Fitch's downgrade of U.S. about? **bit.ly/fitchdowngradeus**
- How did the dinosaurs become birds? The nose knows **bit.ly/dinosaursbirds**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

With no nod for fresh tenders, development activities in Bengaluru come to a standstill

No tenders related to civic works have been floated by BBMP in the last two months

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Development works in Bengaluru have come to a standstill with the State government yet to grant permission to float fresh tenders. No tenders in connection to civic works have been floated by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in the last two months.

On the other hand, contractors working under the civic body have halted all ongoing works citing non-payment of bills for the last 26 months. The contractors said they will resume work only after release of payments.

Sources in the BBMP say that Deputy Chief Minister (Dy.CM) and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar wants to review all the projects approved by the previous government.

It may take a little while before he gives the nod. Four special investigation teams have also been set up by the Urban Development Department (UDD) to probe all the projects taken up under the BJP regime between 2019-20 and 2022-23.

Contractors working under BBMP have halted all ongoing works citing non-payment of bills for the last 26 months. FILE PHOTO

K.T. Manjunath, president of BBMP Contractors' Association, said the government's attitude towards civic works will impact the gross domestic product (GDP) of the State. "Many families are dependent on these works. The city's developmental activities have taken a major hit. Let the government investigate the projects, but the BBMP has to simultaneously clear bills and float new tenders to keep the city up and running," he said.

The State government is also yet to give permission for the revival of Indira Canteens, one of the pet projects of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

A former Mayor from the BJP told *The Hindu* that development works are the pulse of the city. "With the government not issuing tenders, Bengaluru is made to suffer as it is reeling under civic woes. Apart from pothole-filling exercise, nothing is happening in the city. The city needs flyovers and good roads in many places. The government, while not being bothered about development works, has resorted to witch hunting in the guise of probes," the former Mayor alleged.

A senior BBMP official said the government will soon arrive at a decision to clear all the bills and issue fresh tenders. The government is reviewing all the projects and studying the pros and cons, the official added.

'Will not budge to contractors' tactics'

Responding to the ongoing strike of the contractors in the city, Mr. Shivakumar said he will not bow to the blackmail tactics employed by the contractors. He said the government is studying the bills to check for scams as irregularities were alleged.

Governor's office seeks point-wise reply on plagiarism complaint

Girish Pattanashetti
HUBBALLI

A complaint of plagiarism by two college teachers pertaining to a book published by Prasaranga (publication wing) of Karnatak University has reached the office of the Governor, resulting in the Governor's office writing to the V-C seeking a point-wise reply.

The complaint of plagiarism pertains to the book titled "Experiments in Chemistry" authored by Suresh M. Tuwar, Manjali S. Salunke and Rajesh G. Kalkhambkar and published by Prasaranga in July 2021. The allegation is that the core content of the book has been copied from "Comprehensive B.Sc Chemistry Laboratory Manual" published in June 2018 by Karnatak Science College in Dharwad and Chem-Forum (Chemistry Teachers Forum) and edited by an 18-member editorial board.

Mr. Tuwar and Mr. Salunke, who were chairpersons of Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry on the editorial board, are now being accused of plagiarism along with Mr. Kalkhambkar. While Mr. Tuwar is a former president of Chem-Forum and now director of College Development Council of Karnatak Science College, Mr. Salunke was assigned additional charge as principal of Karnatak Science College last month. Karnatak Science College is a constituent college of Karnatak University.

Their elevation has happened despite the matter being brought to the notice of the competent authorities in the university, say the complainants. As per the complaint to the Governor, signed by professor of Chemistry O. Kotresh and associate professor K.S. Katagi of Karnatak Science College, the authors copied from the manual and projected it as their work.

Mr. Katagi was the convener of the editorial board (Organic Chemistry), while Mr. Kotresh is a Chem-Forum member and he is said to have suspected plagiarism first. The complainants have said that it is a clear case of plagiarism and self-plagiarism as per UGC Regulations and Karnatak University plagiarism policy (2021-22).

Inquiry on

When contacted, V-C K.B. Gudasi said the university has initiated inquiry and will send its reply to the Governor's office.

Govt. cannot shut its eyes to city's public toilet issues, says High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government can neither shut its eyes nor mouth to the issue of poorly maintained and insufficient number of public toilets in Bengaluru city, the High Court of Karnataka said as the government had not filed its response even though the court is hearing a PIL petition on the issue from the last three years.

The court also said that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had prepared its action-taken report in "undue haste, mechanical manner and without application of mind" in responding to the findings of the status of around 400 public toilets, made by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA).

A public toilet in Malleshwaram. The court has directed BBMP to come out with remedial measures to maintain toilets in good condition. FILE PHOTO

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice M.G.S. Kamal made these observations while hearing a PIL petition filed in 2020 by Letzkit Foundation through which the court has been monitoring the conditions of the toilets and action taken by the BBMP after a survey of toilets conducted by the KSLSA on court's direction.

After going through the action taken reports of the BBMP, the Bench found that the civic body had given monotonous reply with a standard remark stating "attended the issue, upgraded to hygienic condition" even for observations of the KSLSA that toilets are well maintained, and the issue raised by the KSLSA was not even related to cleanliness but with regard to repair of toilet doors, windows, latches, etc.

Taking serious exception to the BBMP's action of merely cautioning an operator of public toilets for putting up cooking facility in one of the toilets and using it for living, the Bench questioned how the civic body could allow the operator to go scot-free for such a misuse of toilet that could have resulted in other forms of health hazard.

Fresh action plan

The Bench directed the BBMP to submit a fresh action-taken report based on the observations made by it and come out with remedial measures for maintaining toilets in good condition and for increasing the number of public toilets.

The Bench directed the BBMP to set up a committee, headed by the Commissioner, to address issues related to the public toilets on the lines of a direction issued by the Bombay High Court.

Chief Justice expresses concern about feeding dogs at Cubbon Park entrance

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Authorities will have to find alternative and designated place for feeding stray dogs and birds, Chief Justice said while narrating his personal apprehension about feeding dogs and birds at the entry gates of Cubbon Park opposite to the Vidhana Soudha.

The intention of feeding animals and birds may be good but it is likely to pose danger to other walkers, including school children who walk through Cubbon Park during morning hours to reach their schools, he pointed out during the hearing of a PIL petition on public toilets.

'Health hazard'

Many people, who come in their cars, bring foods and grains, feed the dogs and birds, and the security personnel look helpless to tackle this, he said, while asking the authorities to find a solution for the issue, which could cause health hazard.

Scooterist killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old scooter rider was killed after he lost control and crashed into a roadside tree on C.V. Raman road in Yeshwantpur early on Tuesday.

The deceased, Piju Gurang, a native of Tripura, was working as a domestic help at the house of a politician and was returning home after dropping his relative.

Due to the impact of the accident, the scooter was damaged and Piju sustained severe head injury and died on the spot.

The Yeshwantpur police have registered a case.

NAL finalising production partner for HANSA-NG trainer aircraft

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), which has developed HANSA-New Generation (NG), a two-seater trainer aircraft, is in the process of finalising a production partner to manufacture the aircraft.

HANSA-NG features a state-of-the-art glass cockpit, Rotax-912iSc sports engine and steerable nose wheel and is a successor to the HANSA aircraft which was developed two decades ago by NAL.

Flying high: HANSA-NG features a state-of-the-art glass cockpit, Rotax-912iSc sports engine and steerable nose wheel. FILE PHOTO

Production partner

"We are in the process of finalising our production partner; once it is done, we will support the production partner in the transfer of technology. The plan is that one aircraft will be made at NAL along with the production partner, and one aircraft will be built in their premises with our hand holding," said NAL Director, Dr. Abhay Anant Pashilkar.

Dr. Pashilkar said that NAL has already done the technical selection of the production partner, and we are finalizing the commercial terms.

Between 2001 and 2010, NAL built 14 production versions of the old HANSA aircraft, of which 11 were delivered to DGCA, one aircraft to IIT-Kanpur and two aircraft were with NAL. The upgraded HANSA-NG aircraft programme was initiated by NAL to meet the requirements of the Indian flying club and has been pitching that it is ideal aircraft for Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL) due to its low cost and low fuel consumption.

"There is a lot of interest from the flying clubs of India because HANSA-NG is mainly meant to be an ab initio trainer, a two-seater aircraft meant for the flying clubs. We have received about 110 odd letters of intent from various users, mainly from the flying clubs but also for hobby and joy rides people are interested in using this aircraft. There is a healthy demand for our production partners to capitalize on them," Dr. Pashilkar said.

NAL in March 2021 rolled out the HANSA-NG; it completed its maiden flight in September 2021, followed by the sea level trials at Puducherry from February 19 to March 5 and in May 2022, it also successfully completed in-flight engine relight tests at the aeronautical test range in Challakere, Chitradurga district.

3 Bangladeshi nationals held for staying illegally

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bellandur Police on Tuesday arrested three Bangladeshi nationals, who were allegedly staying illegally in Bengaluru.

The trio, identified as Khaleel Chaprasi, Abdul Khadir, and Mohammed Zahid, working as rag-pickers and construction labourers, were caught by a team of NIA officials during a probe in a case related to them. The officials detained and questioned them before handing them over to the police for allegedly staying illegally.

Sources said investigation revealed that the three men crossed the porous border and landed in the city in 2012.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Chief Executive officer, Zilla panchayath, koppal invites on behalf of the Government of karnataka online tender for 2023-24 under MDM programme the transport of food grains from Taluka KFCSC Godowns to respective Taluk Government and aided schools Kitchen centres.

e-TENDER TIME TABLE :

1. Online tender to be published in paper : **09.08.2023.** 2. Last date to upload tender form in e-procurement : **14.08.2023, 5.00pm.** 3. Technical bid open date : **19.08.2023 @ 10.30 am.** 4. Finacial bid open Date : **21.08.2023 @ 10.30 am.**

Tender Indent No :

1. INDENT No : GVT TQ / MDM / KFCSC TO SCHOOL/TRANSPORT TENDER /101/ C-2 / 2023-24.
2. INDENT No : KPL TQ / MDM / KFCSC TO SCHOOL/ TRANSPORT TENDER /102/ / C-2 / 2023-24.
3. INDENT No : KST TQ / MDM / KFCSC TO SCHOOL/ TRANSPORT TENDER /103// C-2 / 2023-24.
4. INDENT No : YLB TQ / MDM / KFCSC TO SCHOOL/ TRANSPORT TENDER/104// C-2 / 2023-24.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and for additional information please contact Education Officer, mdm, zp, koppal (M.no: **7259924795**)

Sd/- **Chief Executive Officer**
Zilla panchyatha koppal

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ / ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09-08-2023

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಜಾಹಿರಾತು ನಂ:- 1316, ದಿನಾಂಕ :-23-03-2023, ಜಾಹಿರಾತು ನಂ:- 1290, ದಿನಾಂಕ :-17-03-2023

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2022-23, 2023-24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಕಛಅ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ (SC) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ : (1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 2038 ರೂ. 3.00ಲಕ್ಷ (2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 1721 ರೂ. 13.00ಲಕ್ಷ (3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 2064 ರೂ. 10.00ಲಕ್ಷ (4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 2083 ರೂ. 35.00ಲಕ್ಷ (5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 1722 ರೂ. 19.30ಲಕ್ಷ

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ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 01, 02, 07 ರಿಂದ 15 ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 25, 32 ರಿಂದ 59 ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 21-08-2023 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 01, 02, 07 ರಿಂದ 15 ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 25, 32 ರಿಂದ 59 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:22-08-2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. 03 ರಿಂದ 06 ಹಾಗೂ 16 ರಿಂದ 24, 26 ರಿಂದ 31 ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28-08-2023 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. 03 ರಿಂದ 06 ಹಾಗೂ 16 ರಿಂದ 24, 26 ರಿಂದ 31 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29-08-2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ./ಧಾರವಾಡ/153/2023-24/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

How did the dinosaurs become birds? Maybe the nose knows

Dinosaurs evolved to birds over millions of years, changing from cold-blooded to warm-blooded in the process. A new study has reported that warm-blooded animals have larger nasal cavities than cold-blooded ones, which cool their larger brains. Specifically, it reported finding the long-sought physiological function of the respiratory turbinate

Sanjukta Mondal

In a famous 1859 book, *On the Origin of Species*, the British naturalist Charles Darwin presented the world with the theory that life-forms evolved through natural selection.

A decade later, after he noticed that a bone in a turkey he was eating resembled a fossil of the theropod Megalosaurus that lay in his office, the anatomist Thomas Henry Huxley suggested that the birds of today could be the descendants of the extinct dinosaurs.

The proof of Huxley's idea came a century later, yet some mysteries persisted as well. One was that both birds and dinosaurs have and had brains of a similar size – even as other parts of dinosaurs evolved to become smaller. The brain generates heat that needs to be moved away, so how did the smaller bird cranium manage this?

A study published in the journal *Royal Society Open Science* suggests the nasal cavity might have the answer.

"The evolution of the skull of dinosaurs to birds has been one of the main focuses in dinosaur palaeontology for a long time," Seishiro Tada, a researcher at the University of Tokyo and National Museum of Nature and Science, Japan, whose team conducted the study, told this writer.

"By focusing on the nose, this study helped us improve our understanding of the cranial evolution of dinosaurs to birds."

Were dinosaurs hot or not?

In 1998, two fossils discovered in China provided paleontological evidence that modern birds had evolved from theropod dinosaurs. The 120-million-year-old fossils, of the species *Protarchaeopteryx* and *Caudipteryx*, depicted different stages in the evolution of birds from terrestrial, two-legged dinosaurs with feathers.

The dinosaurs had slowly developed bird-like features, such as wings, wishbones, and feathers. Yet even as they got smaller, their brains didn't. Scientists were soon curious: As theropods became birds, what cranial adaptations helped birds cool their brains efficiently?

Even today, scientists are not sure whether dinosaurs were warm-blooded or cold-blooded. The word 'dinosaur' comes from the Greek words '*deinos*' and '*sauros*', meaning "terrible lizard", and lizards are ectotherms. On the other hand, dinosaurs are also related to birds, which are warm-blooded.

The location of non-avian dinosaurs in the phylogenetic tree – a diagram depicting how different life-forms are related to each other by evolution – is somewhere between animals that depend on environmental conditions to regulate body temperature (e.g. lizards and crocodiles) and those that can regulate it on their own (e.g. birds and humans).

Since the dinosaurs are extinct, some scientists tried to look for answers in the nose.

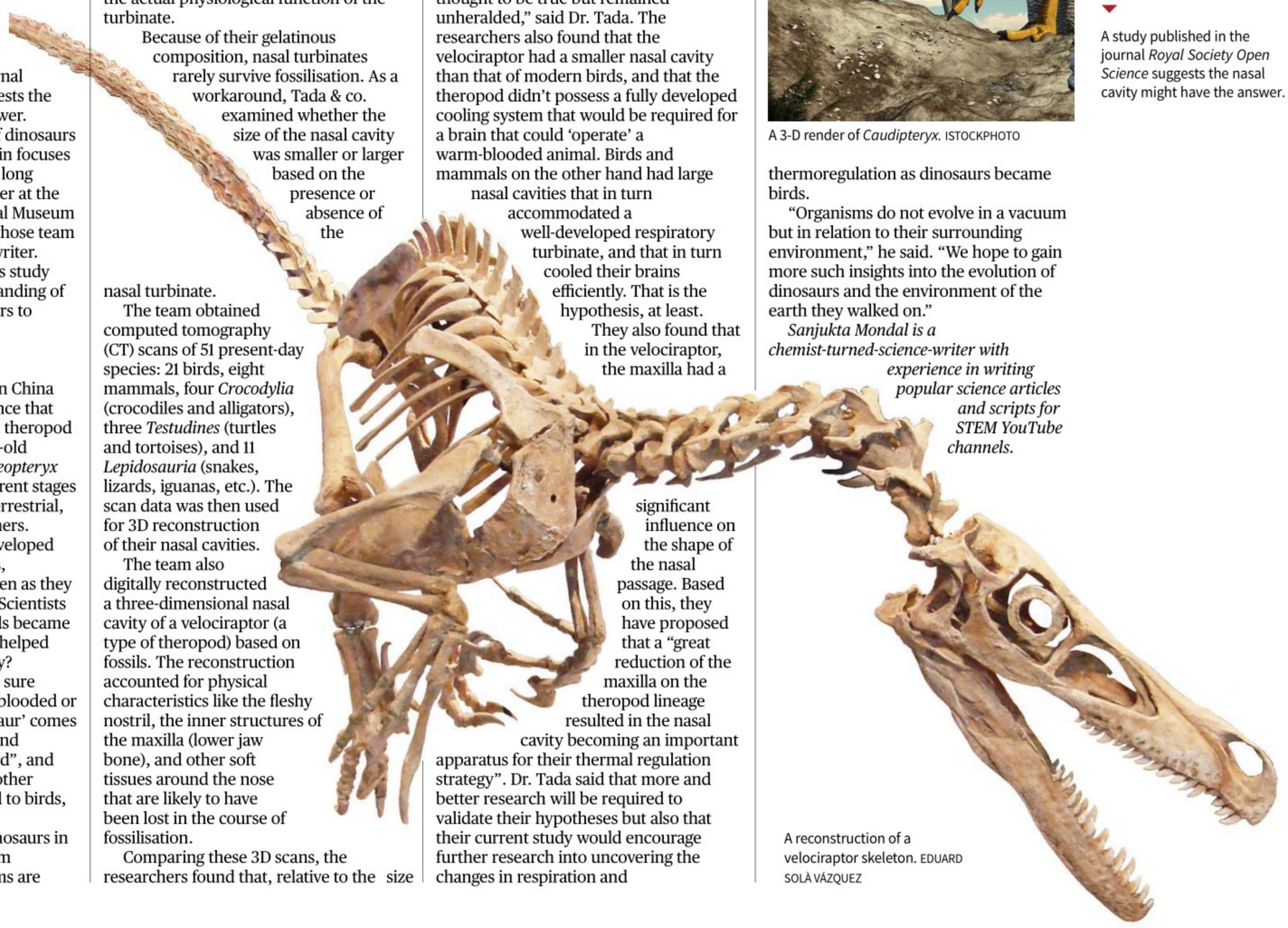
Ask the nose

The nasal cavity of warm-blooded animals houses a complex scroll-like structure made of thin bony plates called the nasal, or respiratory, turbinate.

Nasal turbinates are found only in warm-blooded creatures. They are responsible for regulating heat and moisture exchange during respiration.

While researchers have elucidated their influence on the metabolism rates of dinosaurs, they don't yet fully understand the actual physiological function of the turbinate.

Because of their gelatinous composition, nasal turbinates rarely survive fossilisation. As a workaround, Tada & co. examined whether the size of the nasal cavity was smaller or larger based on the presence or absence of the nasal turbinate.



A reconstruction of a velociraptor skeleton. EDUARD SOLÀ VÁZQUEZ

The team obtained computed tomography (CT) scans of 51 present-day species: 21 birds, eight mammals, four *Crocodylia* (crocodiles and alligators), three *Testudines* (turtles and tortoises), and 11 *Lepidosauria* (snakes, lizards, iguanas, etc.). The scan data was then used for 3D reconstruction of their nasal cavities.

The team also digitally reconstructed a three-dimensional nasal cavity of a velociraptor (a type of theropod) based on fossils. The reconstruction accounted for physical characteristics like the fleshy nostril, the inner structures of the maxilla (lower jaw bone), and other soft tissues around the nose that are likely to have been lost in the course of fossilisation.

Comparing these 3D scans, the researchers found that, relative to the size of their heads, warm-blooded animals had much larger nasal cavities than cold-blooded animals.

> Organisms do not evolve in a vacuum but in relation to their surrounding environment
>
> **SEISHIRO TADA**
> Researcher at the University of Tokyo

World of the dinosaurs

The reconstruction and some analysis also shed light on a lesser known physiological function of respiratory turbinates: brain-cooling. "Our study discovered that one of the primary functions of the respiratory turbinate and the bigger nasal cavity of [warm-blooded animals] is to cool their larger brains, not for whole-body metabolism, which was thought to be true but remained unheralded," said Dr. Tada. The researchers also found that the velociraptor had a smaller nasal cavity than that of modern birds, and that the theropod didn't possess a fully developed cooling system that would be required for a brain that could 'operate' a warm-blooded animal. Birds and mammals on the other hand had large nasal cavities that in turn accommodated a well-developed respiratory turbinate, and that in turn cooled their brains efficiently. That is the hypothesis, at least.

They also found that in the velociraptor, the maxilla had a significant influence on the shape of the nasal passage. Based on this, they have proposed that a "great reduction of the maxilla on the theropod lineage resulted in the nasal cavity becoming an important apparatus for their thermal regulation strategy". Dr. Tada said that more and better research will be required to validate their hypotheses but also that their current study would encourage further research into uncovering the changes in respiration and thermoregulation as dinosaurs became birds.

"Organisms do not evolve in a vacuum but in relation to their surrounding environment," he said. "We hope to gain more such insights into the evolution of dinosaurs and the environment of the earth they walked on."

Sanjukta Mondal is a chemist-turned-science-writer with experience in writing popular science articles and scripts for STEM YouTube channels.

A 3-D render of *Caudipteryx*. ISTOCKPHOTO

THE GIST

- British naturalist Charles Darwin presented the world with the theory that life-forms evolved through natural selection in 1859.
- A decade later, anatomist Thomas Henry Huxley suggested that the birds of today could be the descendants of the extinct dinosaurs.
- The proof of Huxley's idea came a century later, yet some mysteries persisted as well.
- A study published in the journal *Royal Society Open Science* suggests the nasal cavity might have the answer.

BIG SHOT

Hot slag flows from trucks at a slag dumping site operated by PT Vale Indonesia on July 28, 2023, in Sorowako, Indonesia. The country holds the world's largest nickel reserves and will account for roughly half of global supply growth through to 2025, on the back of growing demand for the batteries used to power electric vehicles. GETTY IMAGES

QUESTION CORNER

Gravel as cushion

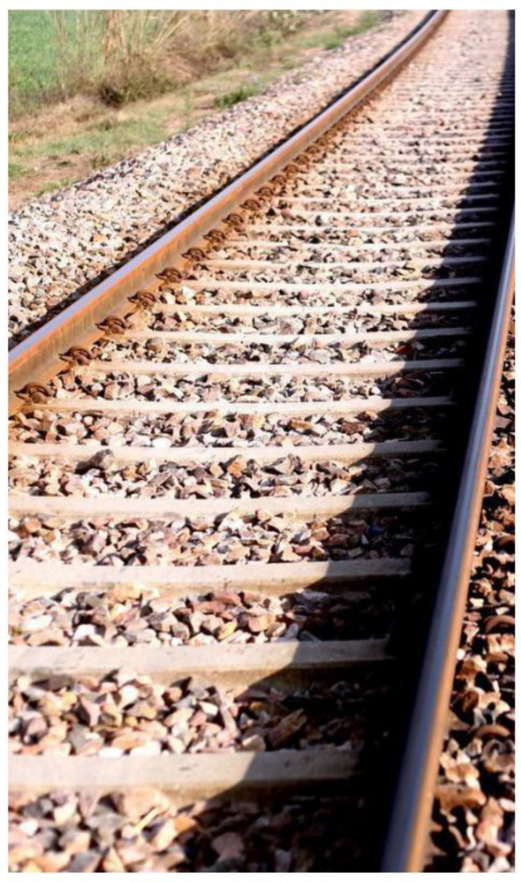
Q: Is there any significance in using gravel on railway tracks?

A1: Yes. Gravel used on railway tracks is known as ballast. It is used to dissipate the vibration produced by trains travelling at high speeds. The gravel layer acts as a cushion and damps the vibrations so that they do not travel long distances. If the rails are laid on a solid base, these vibrations can travel long distances and lead to cracks on the base as well as in nearby buildings.

– Utpal Roy Karnal

A2: The ballast provides a foundation for the sleepers, distributes the pressure on to the formation, and helps in diverting the rain water. In a typical ballast, voids (gaps between the stones) constitute 20% to 30% of the volume.

– K. Sundara Raman



The gravel layer damps vibrations. ISTOCKPHOTO

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Metro launches special programme for orderly boarding

The 'special operation programme' aims at addressing chaos and enhancing station management; BMRCL also undertakes efforts to raise awareness about refraining from playing loud music on trains

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

With the expansion of the Namma Metro, issues relating to disorderly boarding and and passenger behaviour protocols have risen, particularly during peak hours. Acknowledging these, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) introduced a 'special operational programme' on Tuesday that aims at addressing chaos and enhancing station management.

Commuters have expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of order and inadequate management in queuing, boarding, and deboarding procedures overseen by metro authorities. Additionally, concerns have arisen regarding the adherence to protocols by the deployed home guards at various metro stations.

Ratnakar Rai, a frequent traveller from Peenya, said: "When the metro commenced its operations, a disciplined queuing process was adhered to while boarding and alighting the train. The guards

Home Guards creating awareness on hassle-free travel under the 'special operation programme' at a metro station in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

positioned along the tracks used to actively encourage passengers to maintain the queue, ensuring convenience for everyone. Regrettably, the current scenario is quite different, as a significant number of passengers no longer adhere to the queue system during boarding. Furthermore, the guards seem to have become indifferent to this issue."

Kamala K., who takes the metro regularly from Indiranagar station, said ever since the Whitefield line opened, crowds have increased steadily, but so has chaos within the stations and trains.

"One of the advantages of travelling by metro was that everything was systematic and disciplined. Now, there are no queues to board the trains, people are littering in the stations and inside trains, there is little monitoring. I dread to think what will happen once the Baiyappanahalli-K.R. Pura stations are connected," she said.

Unsettling experiences

At Majestic Metro Station, which serves as an interchange station for the green and purple lines, passengers complain about congestion observed on the escalators and staircases. This congestion often results in instances of passengers being pushed and jostled while navigating these pathways.

Prerana Rao, a commuter, said: "Due to constant overcrowding on the escalators, I opt for the staircase, but it's often congested, and fellow passengers tend to push and rush to catch their trains. This has been particularly distressing, especially for female passengers."

BMRCL stirs into action

After being criticised by passengers on social media, BMRCL has woken up to the reality of how indiscipline has caused distress among passengers.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, BMRCL Chief Public Relations Officer B.L. Yeshwanth Chavan said: "We have observed that a majority of passengers adhere to the queue system due to the clear markings across all metro station platforms. However, there are a few passengers who currently disregard the queue system. In response, we have launched an awareness campaign under the special operation programme at all stations, aiming to facilitate smooth travel by emphasising that proper queuing and protocols of boarding and deboarding are followed."

On the issue of congested stairways and escalators, Mr. Chavan noted that this concern predominantly arises during peak hours.

Meanwhile, the BMRCL has undertaken efforts to raise awareness about refraining from playing loud music within the metro trains.

"We have implemented a ban on loud music aboard metro trains to ensure the comfort of co-passengers. We have been making announcements within the metro, and now we're embarking on an extensive awareness campaign to encourage the use of headphones to listen to music or watch videos on mobile phones, thus preventing inconvenience."

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.Chances of light to moderate rain and thundershower.

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To implement High Court direction, BBMP removes 59,000 flex banners

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has removed 59,000 flex banners and hoardings in the city. The action came after the High Court of Karnataka rapped the civic body for its failure to implement the ban.

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar, at a press meet on Tuesday, said in order to implement the court directions, the BBMP will not allow flex banners across the city and violators will be charged ₹50,000 fine. "No political parties and leaders will be allowed to put up hoardings. I have spoken to MLAs cutting across party lines about the implementation of the ban. This will come into effect in two or three days," Mr. Shivakumar said.

He further informed the press about the action being taken by the civic body and said the BBMP has so far removed 59,000 flexes. The BBMP has received 134 complaints in connection to illegal hoardings and 44 FIRs have been registered. The political parties have to adhere to the rules as the High Court has sternly directed the BBMP to implement the ban.

The High Court had rapped the BBMP for its failure to levy fine on violators and remove illegal hoardings.

It had directed the BBMP to pay a fine to the court if it fails to remove the same.

KSRTC bags award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has bagged Asia's Best Brand Employer Award under the category Organisation with Innovative HR Practices.

The result was announced by the World CSR and Sustainability Congress during the 14th edition of the 18th Brand Congress on Tuesday.

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July 2023 was the Earth's hottest month on record

16.95 July's global average temperature in degrees Celsius. It was a third of a degree Celsius higher than the previous record set in 2019, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service. Normally global temperature records are broken by hundredths or a tenth of a degree, so this margin is unusual. AP

Area claimed to be under natural farming in eight States

4.09 In lakh hectares. The eight States include Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu among others. The Union Government is promoting natural farming since 2019-20 through a sub-scheme, Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP), under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana. PTI

Biggest drop since 2020 in Chinese exports last month

14.5 in %. China's exports shrunk for the third consecutive month, according to their customs authority. This was the country's largest decline since a 17.2% drop during the months of January and February in 2020. Apart from a brief rebound in March and April, the country's exports have been on the decline since October 2022. AFP

MGNREGA bank accounts yet to be seeded with Aadhaar

1.13 in crore. Northeastern States are lagging behind in the process of linking bank accounts under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) to Aadhaar cards. Accounts of over 42% MGNREGA workers in Assam, 23% in Arunachal Pradesh, over 70% in Meghalaya, and 37% in Nagaland are not yet seeded with Aadhaar numbers. PTI

Amount of crop insurance claims pending under PMFBY

2,761.1 in ₹ crore, the amount of crop insurance claims under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) pending till 2021-22, with maximum pendency of claims in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat, Parliament was informed on Tuesday. PTI

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What is Fitch's downgrade of U.S. about?

Why has Fitch downgraded the U.S. credit ratings? What were the reasons cited by the rating agency? Are they substantiated? What were the parameters used while arriving at the conclusion? What have been the impacts and reactions?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

On August 1, rating agency Fitch downgraded the United States of America's (U.S.A.) rating to 'AA+' from 'AAA' – a rating that it had been holding at the agency since 1994. This was the first major downgrade for the country since Standard & Poor's (S&P) actions in 2011. Fitch argued the downgrade cumulatively reflected the expected fiscal deterioration over the next three years, "high and growing" general government debt burden and the "erosion of governance" in comparison to similarly rated peers over the last two decades.

What exactly is the downgrade?

Before moving to the downgrade, it is pertinent to note that rating agencies are institutions that assess the creditworthiness or financial capability of a region, country, its institutions or individual organisations. They assess its ability to meet future payment obligations – particularly important for those making investment decisions.

Fitch rates credit quality from 'AAA' (its highest rating) to 'D' (lowest rating). 'AAA' is assigned to entities with "exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments". The downgrade in discussion, that is 'AA', denotes "very low default risk", in other words, "very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments". Important to note, both reflect strong profiles – varying only on a comparative basis.

What were Fitch's concerns?

Fitch held that there has been a steady deterioration in standards of governance over the last 20 years, including on fiscal and debt matters. This is despite the bipartisan agreement reached in June for suspending the debt limit until January 2025. The agency observed that the "repeated debt-limit political standoffs and last-minute resolutions have eroded confidence in fiscal management."

Grim picture: Fitch says weakening business investment and a slowdown in consumption would push the U.S. economy into mild recession in Q4 of this year and Q1 of next year. GETTY IMAGES

The second of the observations relates to lacking a medium-term fiscal framework, unlike most peers, and having a complex budgeting process. The agency noted that these, combined with several economic shocks, tax cuts and new spending initiatives has led to successive increases in debt over the last decade.

What indicators are we looking at?

Fitch expects the general government deficit (balance of income and expenditure) to rise to 6.3% of the GDP in 2023 from 3.7% in 2022. This results from cyclically weaker federal revenues, new spending initiatives and a higher interest burden.

Moreover, it held that over the next decade, higher interest rates and rising debt would translate to an increased interest service burden. The U.S. Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that interest costs will double to 3.6% of the GDP by 2033. Net interest costs reflect the cost to the sovereign for borrowing money at a specific period.

Additionally, Fitch stated, an ageing population and rising healthcare costs would require more spending on the elderly absent fiscal policy reforms.

To sum up, increasing national debt and rising interest rates result in interest costs to rise. Other than restricting the scope for investment in priority areas, it creates a potentially unwanted cycle of further borrowing, servicing interest and expanding debt. Furthermore, this is taking place in the backdrop of the tax reforms of 2017 set to expire in 2025.

Separately, Fitch also projected that tighter credit conditions, weakening business investment and a slowdown in consumption would push the U.S. economy into mild recession in Q4 of this year and Q1 of next year. It also sees U.S. annual real GDP growth slowing to 1.2% this year from 2.1% in 2022.

What was the immediate reaction?

Terming it "arbitrary and based on outdated data", U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen said she "strongly disagree(s)" with Fitch's observations.

According to her, "Fitch's quantitative rating model declined markedly between 2018 and 2020 – and yet Fitch is announcing its change now, despite the progress that we see in many of the indicators that Fitch relies on for its decision."

The Secretary also stated that over the past few years, the country has undergone "a historically fast economic recovery" from a "deep recession", further pointing to recent macroeconomic data, she indicated, the economy continued to grow.

In fact, her long-time ago predecessor of the Clinton era, Lawrence Summers also said notwithstanding the U.S. facing "serious long-run fiscal challenges", Fitch's decision in a stronger-than-expected economy was "bizarre and inept".

Mr Summers, also known for airing his concerns about President Biden's economic management held, "Nobody sensible should change their mind about anything on the basis of Fitch's proclamation." In fact, the agency itself in the report highlighted the country's strengths. These entailed "large, advanced, well-diversified and high-income economy supported by a dynamic business environment."

Does this worry anyone?

Other than a knee-jerk reaction in the immediate aftermath, the development did not yield any significant consequence. At close on Friday, equities had recovered from a three-day losing streak with S&P BSE Sensex closing 480.57 points or 0.74% higher at 65,721.25. NSE closed 135.35 points or 0.70 per cent higher at 19,517.

The possibility of a longer and wide sell-off was always ruled out. Analysts held that even during a similar downgrade back in 2011, investors had come out largely unharmed, moreover, the agency was telling something which was already known.

THE GIST

- In its major downgrade since Standard & Poor's (S&P) actions in 2011, the U.S. was downgraded by rating agency Fitch from 'AA+' to 'AAA' — a rating that it had been holding at the agency since 1994
- Fitch said that there has been a steady deterioration in standards of governance over the last 20 years, including on fiscal and debt matters. It also said that the lack of a medium-term fiscal framework and a complex budgeting process, coupled with several economic shocks, tax cuts and new spending initiatives have led to successive increases in debt over the last decade have led to the drop in the U.S. credit ratings
- Fitch expects the general government deficit (balance of income and expenditure) to rise to 6.3% of the GDP in 2023 from 3.7% in 2022. Moreover, it held that over the next decade, higher interest rates and rising debt would translate to an increased interest service burden

What is the Jan Vishwas Bill, 2023 proposed by Centre?

Why has the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023, kicked up a furore among various stakeholders? What are its advantages? In what ways are it going to cost the common man?

Bindu Shajan Perappadan

The story so far:

The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023 was passed in Parliament recently. Introduced by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the Bill aims at giving further boost to ease of living and ease of doing business. It proposes to amend 183 provisions to be decriminalised in 42 Central Acts administered by 19 Ministries/Departments.

What is the Jan Vishwas Bill about?

The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2022 amends 42 laws, across multiple sectors, including agriculture, environment, and media and publication and health. The Bill converts several fines to penalties, meaning that court prosecution is not necessary to administer punishments. It also removes imprisonment as a punishment for many offences.

Covered under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2023 are changes in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and the Pharmacy Act, 1948. This has evoked heated debate about its pros and cons among health care activists, experts in the field of pharmacy and patient-welfare groups.

Among these, the changes proposed to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 have been the most contentious. The Act regulates the import, manufacture, distribution and sale of drugs and cosmetics in the country.

Currently, the Act defines four categories of offences– adulterated drugs, spurious drugs, mislabelled drugs, and Not of Standard Quality drugs (NSQs) – and lays out degrees of punishment (a combination of prison time and fine) based on the degree of offence.

What are the pros and cons of the amendments?

The amendments have brought in sharp criticism from health activists. Prashant Reddy, lawyer and co-author of *The Truth Pill: The Myth of Drug Regulation in India*, said that the Bill is detrimental to public health on two counts.

First, it allows manufacturers of Not of Standard Quality Drugs (NSQ) drugs to escape significant penalties despite the fact that these drugs can have an adverse effect on the patient.

"For example, drugs that lack the adequate active ingredient or fail to dissolve will not cure the disease it is meant to and that will result in a poor treatment outcome for the patient. Second, the Bill also reduces penalties for owners of pharmacies who violate the terms of their licence," he said.

"The Indian pharmaceutical sector, manufacturing and pharmacies included, are already subject to extremely lax regulation as evidenced by the explosion of scandals recently across the world linked to 'Made in India' medicine. The government should be tightening the regulatory screws, not giving the industry a literal "get out of jail" pass," he said.

Vijay Vojhala, a former medical representative and health activist, said that laws shouldn't become a cost-to-operation component for companies but should install in them the greater sensibilities and responsibilities towards the society. But, in majority of the cases it's seen as missing.

What is the government's argument in favour of the Bill?

Responding to the concerns raised by various groups on the Bill been more industry friendly the Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said: "India is the pharmacy of the world and we have to work towards ensuring that the best medicines are provided while reasonable benefits are offered to business. Rationalising laws, eliminating barriers and bolstering growth of businesses are important.''

THE GIST

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- Among these, the changes proposed to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 have been the most contentious. The Act regulates the import, manufacture, distribution and sale of drugs and cosmetics in the country.
- Activists fear that the government, under the guise of ease of doing business, have proposed the amendments which seek to dilute the punishment by doing away with prison terms for a lot offences and converting fines to penalties.

INBRIEF

K-Shore project: Khandre tells officials to prepare DPR

Forest and Environment Minister Eshwar B. Khandre has directed officials to prepare a detailed project report for preventing plastic waste from entering the sea in Karnataka's coastline through the implementation of the World Bank proposed K-Shore project. The Minister issued the direction after interacting with a World Bank delegation on the measures to free the State coastline from plastic waste.

HDK on another foreign trip

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who had gone on an Europe tour recently, is now on a three-day visit to Cambodia. He is visiting Cambodia on a State invitation, party sources said. Mr. Kumaraswamy was received by S. Sirajuddin, Personal Advisor to Under Secretary of the Interior Ministry Gen Kem Cheat at Phonm Penh on Tuesday.

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Hi-tech security system for Vidhana Soudha

The security surveillance systems would link these three buildings together and have separate and common dashboards indicating who all have access to the buildings, their full details, date and time of entry and exit, the reason for the visit, which department official they met, etc. All this data would also be supported with still images, videos and facial recognition supported by artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analytics, according to Mr. Khader.

"The idea is to bring the entire Vidhana Soudha campus and the campuses of the other two buildings under close surveillance. A command centre will monitor them closely. In addition to ensuring security, the system will also offer much relief to visiting citizens and students who are now made to wait in the corridors or outside under the sun or in the rain," he explained.

"The system will keep data of previous visits of every visitor. The system will also bring citizens closer to the State administration and do away with all existing hurdles to meet a Minister, or department officials," he elaborated.

He said the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner had been entrusted to execute this security system to ensure foolproof security. A nodal officer has also been chosen to implement the task.

Currently, the Vidhana Soudha alone has some 250 surveillance cameras, including some that are not in working condition, and multiple agencies are monitoring them.

State reported over 45,000 teen pregnancies from Jan. 2020 to June 2023: RTI reply

I wonder why such serious issues are not raised and discussed in the State legislature, says activist

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

Karnataka has witnessed a sharp rise in teenage pregnancies over the last three years. The number went up from 10,101 during the calendar year 2020 to 13,159 in 2021 before registering a substantial increase to 19,561 during 2022, as per information obtained by Odanadi Seva Samsthe in Mysuru from the Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Services of Karnataka, through RTI. Between January and June 2023, another 2,736 teenage pregnancies had been reported in the State.

The total number of teenage pregnancies reported in Karnataka between January 2020 and June 2023 is a staggering 45,557.

This information was shared with *The Hindu* by L. Parashuram, the co-founder of Odanadi Seva Samsthe, an NGO engaged in rescue and rehabilitation of sexually exploited women and children. He claimed that the figures reported on the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) portal were 'conservative' but even they reveal a nearly doubling of teenage pregnancies over the last three years

Teenage pregnancies in Karnataka

*January to June

Source – Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Services

> Underaged mothers require family counselling and guidance not only on taking care of the child, but also ensuring its survival and bringing it into the mainstream.
> **L. PARASHURAM**
> Co-founder of Odanadi Seva Samsthe

Why no debate?

Pregnancy among underage girls will not only lead to discontinuation of their education, but also poses a threat of malnutrition among the mothers and children. "I wonder why such serious issues are not raised and discussed in the State legislature," he said.

Underaged mothers require family counselling and guidance not only on taking care of the child, but also ensuring its survival and bringing it into the mainstream. "The government needs to pay attention to these aspects arising out of teenage pregnancies," he added.

Sexual violence victims

Data with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) showed that it had compensated a total of 584 minor victims subjected to sexual violence during the last three years viz. 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Compensation

In response to an RTI application from Odanadi, the KSLSA said a compensation of ₹5.84 crore had been paid to 219 minor victims in the State, including 45 from Kalaburagi district alone during 2020-21, while ₹5.29 crore as compensation was paid to 187 victims, including 23 from Ramanagara district and 21 from Kalaburagi district, during 2021-22.

During 2022-23, the KSLSA paid a compensation of ₹6.68 crore to 178 victims, including 17 each from Mysuru, Dakshina Kannada and Kolar districts.

Sharing the data, Mr. Parashuram, who is also a former member of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), expressed concern over the number of sexual atrocities committed on minors in the State while seeking stringent action against the accused.

CM continues meeting with Cong. legislators

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday continued their meetings with MLAs and district in-charge Ministers of six more districts and assured them of releasing funds for development works in a phased manner.

Seeking funds for development works, MLAs from six districts - Raichur, Vijayapura, Koppal, Belagavi, Haveri, and Kalaburagi - are learnt to have brought to the Chief Minister's notice that they are facing embarrassment in their constituencies due to delay in completion of ongoing projects and taking up new works. The Chief Minister, who spent the whole day in the meetings, is learnt to have assured them that their demand for grants will be considered in the coming days. "You all should cooperate and adjust this year as the government is facing financial constraints following implementation of five guarantees," he reportedly told the legislators.

"The Chief Minister assured us of adequate funds next year. He said revenue will be mobilised from various sources in the coming months and there will be no dearth of funds then," said a MLA.

Letter against Minister: Chief Minister orders police probe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said the police had been instructed to take up an inquiry regarding the episode of a few Agriculture Department officials allegedly writing a complaint to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot accusing Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy of demanding bribe from them.

This came after Assistant Directors of Agriculture Department in Mandya sought a probe into the matter so that action is taken against the persons behind the "slanderous" letter. Joint Director of Agriculture, Mandya, Ashoka V.S. said the seven Assistant Directors of Agriculture Department in Mandya have also clarified that they were neither harassed nor was any demand for bribe placed before them from either the Minister's office or the Joint Director's office.

N. Cheluvarayaswamy

Speaking in Bengaluru, the Chief Minister, who has upheld the stand of Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy that the complaint letter was fake, said the Joint Director concerned had filed a complaint with the police. "The police have been told to unravel the truth by taking up an inquiry," the Chief Minister told mediapersons after garlanding the statue of former Chief Minister S. Nijalingappa on the occasion of his 22nd death anniversary.

Meanwhile, Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy took to social media to warn that strict legal action would be initiated against those conspiring against him.

He said he had now got an opportunity to serve the farmers as Agriculture Minister, but efforts were being made to end his political career by some vested interests who were hatching conspiracies in an organised manner.

Legislators write to HM

Meanwhile, six party leaders, including three legislators - MLCs Dinesh Gooligowda and Ramesh Babu and MLA P.M. Narendraswamy - submitted a petition to Home Minister G. Parameshwara seeking strict action against those trying to malign the image of the Agriculture Minister.

MLC takes exception to delay in buying Nijalingappa's house for making a memorial

Former Chief Minister S. Nijalingappa's house in Chitradurga.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the occasion of the 22nd death anniversary of former Chief Minister S. Nijalingappa, Congress MLC Mohan Kondajji urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to initiate measures to purchase the house of Nijalingappa in Chitradurga to develop it as a memorial.

Mr. Kondajji submitted a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at a programme organised to mark the death anniversary.

In the letter, Mr. Kondajji, who was associated with Mr. Nijalingappa during his old age, expressed concern that though the government had issued a notification about four years ago to develop the residence as a memorial, no measures were taken to implement it. He alleged that though Mr. Nijalingappa's son and grandson, who stay in the U.S., had visited Chitradurga to transfer the property to the government, the then Deputy Commissioner of the district had not completed the formalities. He urged the Chief Minister to ensure that the residence of Nijalingappa was purchased at the earliest, so that works can begin.

Mr. Kondajji, whose father Kondajji Basappa worked in Nijalingappa's Cabinet, told *The Hindu* that the house of Nijalingappa had become weak and there was a fear of it collapsing if restoration works were not initiated at the earliest. He pointed out that Nijalingappa laid foundation for the development of modern Karnataka by executing various development projects.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

11th ANNIVERSARY

VUMMIDI KANNAN
23.11.1930 - 09.08.2012
There'll never be another like him
Mr. Vummidi Mukundha (Son)
Mrs.Vummidi Manjula (Daughter in law)
Mr. Vummidi Rahul Krishna (Grand Son)
celebrating 120 years
VBKS
Vummidi Bangaru Kannan and Son
Ph: 044 - 2829 3727

TAMILNADU MINERALS LIMITED
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No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005. Phone No.29862018, 28511972
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

1	Description	Sale of Certain Grades of Natural Graphite Flakes from Graphite Beneficiation Plant, Sivaganga
2	Tender No. & Date Tender ID	1115/VAP-2/2023, Dated:07.08.2023 2023_TNMIN_356543_1
3	Bid submission end date	29.08.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.
4	Technical bid opening date	30.08.2023 at 16.00 hrs.
5	Tender form Fee EMD	Rs.2000/-(Rupees Two Thousand only) (Non refundable) Rs.11,80,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakh eighty thousand only)

Note: For further details please visit Tamilnadu e-tendering portal: https://tntenders.gov.in
DIPR/4381/TENDER/2023 GENERAL MANAGER(FINANCE)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF STATIONERY AND PRINTING, 110, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-2.
E- TENDER NOTICE
Dir. No.Q3/22248/2023 Dated : 08.08.2023
1) For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-tenders are invited from manufacturer and authorized dealers / distributors for the supply of the Computer to Plate Machine with Work Station and Plate Processor (as per Technical Specification) required for Government Central Press, Chennai-1 by the General Manager of Stationery and Printing, 110 Anna Salai, Chennai-2 by online in http://tntenders.gov.in from **09.08.2023 11.00 AM to 09.09.2023 upto 11.00 A.M.** and to be opened on **11.09.2023 at 11.30 AM**
2) Tenders should be furnished in the prescribed format only, which can be downloaded from the **http.//tntenders.gov.in.**
DIPR/4399/TENDER/2023 General Manager
சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்.

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYO HALL BENGALURU
P & S.C. No. 25055 of 2023
(CCCH No. 73)
BETWEEN: VANDANA MOHANRAJ KRISHNA, D/o Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj, aged about 56 years, R/at No. 115 Main Street, Winchester. Massachusetts United States of America-01890 Presently at: Treebo Hotel, Bengaluru-560038. .... **PETITIONER**
AND: SMT. VIDYA SCHALK and others ... **RESPONDENTS**
Court Notice
Service of Notice by Paper Publication under Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908
DEFENDANT Nos. 1 to 8: 1. SMT. VIDYA SCHALK, D/o Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj, aged about 58 years, R/at No. 1045 NW Overlook Drive, Corvallis, Oregon - 97330-9545 United States of America. **2. SMT. PRIYA RUDOLPH**, D/o Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj, aged about 55 years, R/at No. 1120, Ramser Dr., Watkinsville, Georgia - 30677 United States of America. **3. KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.** Having its Office at 209/25, 2nd Main Road, 32 'A' Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bengaluru - 560 082. Rep : by its Manager. **4. CANARA BANK,** Having its Office at No. 303, 7th Block West, Kanakapura Road, Yediyur, Jayanagar Branch, Bengaluru - 560 082. Rep : by its Manager. **5. STATE BANK OF INDIA**, Having its Office at 40/2, Pattalamma Temple Road, Opp. A.V. Hospital, Near South End Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560 011. Rep : by its Manager. **6. HDFC BANK**, Having its Office at No. 317/A, 5th Block, 9th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 041. Rep : by its Manager. **7. ICICI BANK**, Having its Office at No. 729, Manandi Ashana, 10th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. Rep : by its Manager. **8. ING VYSYA BANK**, Having its Office at Brigade Peunia, Siddanna Layout, Banashankari Stage II, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560 070. Rep : by its Manager
Whereas the petitioner has filed the above petition for suit for the grant of Succession Certificate. The Hon'ble Court has issued notice of petition by papery publication. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **04/09/2023** at **11:00 A.M** in person or through a pleader, failing which the petition will be disposed off exparte.
Bank Accounts and other Deposits
1.Bank Name : Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. Branch: K.H. Road Branch, Account Number : 134110007736, Name: Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj. **2. Bank Name : Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,** Branch: K.H. Road Branch Client ID: 10034451, Account Number : Demat Account IN300610-10034451 with Bank DP with Holdings Name: Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj. **3. Bank Name : Canara Bank** Branch: Jayanagar Branch, Account Number : (Please see Paragraph.9) Name: Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj. **4. Bank Name : State Bank of India**, Branch: Jayanagar Branch Account Number: (Please see Paragraph 9) Name: Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj. **5. Bank Name : HDFC Bank**, Branch: Jayanagar Branch, Account Number : (Please see Paragrah 9) Name: Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj. **6. Bank Name : ICICI Bank** Branch: Jayanagar Branch, Account Number : (Please see Paragrah 9) Name: Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj. **7. Bank Name : ING Vysya Bank** Branch: Banashankari Branch Account Number : (Please see Paragrah 9) Name: Late Wg. Cdr. C.R. Mohan Raj
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 03-08-2023.
By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner
SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES
No. 50, II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
BBMP, Mahadevapura Division, Bengaluru - 560048.
No: EE/MDP/TN/03/2023-24 Date: 08-08-2023
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division invites item rate tenders from eligible tenderers registered in BBMP / CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / any State or Central Government Organizations for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Catagory	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Belathur Village in Ward No. 105, Belathur. **(2nd Call) - (SC)**	10.00	12,500/-
2	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Byrathi Village in Ward No. 105, Belathur. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	10.00	25,000/-
3	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Kumbena Agrahara in Ward No. 105, Belathur. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	10.00	25,000/-
4	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Kadubisanahalli Village, Tubarahalli Village in Ward No. 113, Munnekolalla. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	15.00	37,500/-
5	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Ward No. 115, Bellandur. **(2nd Call) - (SC)**	10.00	12,500/-
6	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Devarabisana halli Village in Ward No. 113, Munnekolala. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	15.00	37,500/-
7	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Ambalipura Village in Ward No. 116, Doddakana halli. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	10.00	25,000/-
8	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Junnasandra Village in Ward No. 116, Doddakana halli. **(2nd Call) - (ST)**	10.00	12,500/-
9	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Haralur Village in Ward No. 116, Doddakanahalli. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	5.00	12,500/-
10	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Kaikondra halli Village in Ward No. 116, Doddakanahalli. **(2nd Call) - (SC)**	10.00	12,500/-
11	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Kasavana halli Village in Ward No. 116, Doddakanahalli. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	10.00	25,000/-
12	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Bhoganahalli Village in Ward No. 113, Munnekolala. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	10.00	25,000/-
13	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Surrounding Villages of Kadugudi in New Ward No. 104. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	15.00	37,500/-
14	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Surrounding Villages of Varthur in Ward No. 112. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	30.00	60,000/-
15	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Surrounding Villages of Whitefield in Ward No.110. **(2nd Call) - (ST)**	8.00	20,000/-
16	Providing Drinking Water Supply through Water Tanker in Surrounding Villages of Hagaduru in Ward No.111. **(2nd Call) - (Others)**	12.00	30,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Last Date of Submission Queries: **10-08-2023 within 3.00 PM. 3)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **17-08-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **18-08-2023 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division, BBMP.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
CIVIL ENGINEERING DIVISION: BENGALURU - 560 027.
No: KST/EE/JE/209/2023-24 Date: 08-08-2023
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 02 & 03/2023-24
Tenders/Bids are invited from eligible registered Contractors/individuals/agency/firms by the Executive Engineer, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Civil Engineering Division, Bengaluru for the detailed below:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No.	Name of the work	Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	E.M.D (in Rs.)
1.	02/2023-24	Developmental Works at Bus Station Mulubagilu. (Call-3)	63.70	1,28,000/-
2.	03/2023-24	Developmental Works at Bus Station KGF. (2nd Stage) (Call-3)	63.40	1,27,000/-

Time limit in months (Including Monsoon) : 06
More details can be obtained by logging to the website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-
DIPR/CP/842/MAA/2023-24 **Executive Engineer, KSRTC CE Division, Bengaluru**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Economic boycott of minorities — a new form of untouchability

In the wake of the violence in Haryana's Nuh, calls for boycotting Muslim businesses were heard; however, this otherisation of marginalised groups has been a technique employed since the time of Independence and was flagged by Ambedkar who called it more effective than open violence

Hindutva is using pre-constitutional methods to disempower a community. It is not driven by the motive of maintaining ritual hierarchy but by the political imperatives of exclusion. GETTY IMAGES

Muslim meat traders in Haryana's Gurugram have been gripped by fear since the happenings of August 1 when a Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) rally in Nuh district turned violent and led to stone pelting and clashes between different groups. Despite the passing of a week, meat traders are afraid to reopen their shops which were shuttered in the aftermath of the clashes. One of the traders say that a mahapanchayat by local Hindu community members in Gurugram's Tigra village witnessed calls to boycott Muslim-run businesses. In this context, here is an article citing an incident along similar lines, published on February 7, 2022 and written by Anshul Trivedi

Recently, a video, purportedly showing villagers from Surguja district of Chhattisgarh taking an oath to implement an economic boycott of Muslims, went viral on social media. This was not a spontaneous reaction of the villagers to a brawl in the village but allegedly orchestrated by a Hindutva outfit.

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) is known to distribute pamphlets calling for the economic boycott of those it labels "anti-national, anti-Hindu, love jihadists" — all convenient epithets to convey a communal message. These acts are not merely 'expressions of hate'; they can be characterised as the emergence of a new form of untouchability guided by the political imperatives of Hindutva rather than the religious dictates of Hinduism. A progressive re-articulation of the concept of untouchability or a re-reading of the anti-discrimination legislation is required to end this abomination.

The hierarchical caste-based Hindu social order was governed by the ideology of purity and pollution. The primary function of the ideology was to maintain ritual hierarchy. Untouchability was a mechanism through which power was exercised over the Dalits and the hierarchy reinforced. One of the most common forms of untouchability was the imposition of social and economic boycott of Dalits if they dared to transgress social norms or exercise their rights. In Ambedkar's opinion, the method of boycott was more effective than even open violence. Collective discrimination, marginalisation and disempowerment was justified as the right of the individual to choose freely in a marketplace. He argued that the boycott was effective for two reasons - one, the Dalits constituted a minority within the village; and two, they were economically weaker and hence, dependent on the 'upper' castes. Therefore, it was of paramount importance to outlaw this 'tyranny of the majority' for their uplift.

During the freedom struggle, the struggle to eradicate untouchability gained momentum. This struggle found its highest expression in the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution under Articles 14, 15 and 17.

However, although untouchability was abolished, its definition remained vague. Even during the Constituent Assembly debates, it was argued that the scope of untouchability should be restricted to practices related to religion and caste, lest it be left open to unwarranted tinkering; however, the Assembly voted against such a circumscribed definition. Therefore, the limits of untouchability under Article 17 have been contested. While the conservatives restrict it to caste-based discrimination, the progressives argue that it includes other forms of untouchability as well. However, there is a consensus that only those acts which are motivated by the ideology of purity and pollution are considered within the ambit of untouchability. These include social and economic boycotts.

Insufficient measures

In India, mere provision of rights has proved to be insufficient to prevent marginalisation owing to the practice of untouchability and hence, the legislature and the judiciary have had to make and interpret special laws to that effect. Two laws which explicitly make social and economic boycotts punishable are The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and Maharashtra Protection of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2016. However, the scope of both is restricted to criminalising caste-based discrimination and boycotts.

The tethering of anti-boycott or untouchability laws to the tenets of purity and pollution and restricting their scope to caste-centric boycotts makes them ineffective to counter the calls of economic boycott of Muslims. Hindutva is using pre-constitutional methods to disempower a community. It is not driven by the motive of maintaining ritual hierarchy but by the political imperatives of exclusion. Its ultimate objective is to ethnicise the Hindu identity. Such public calls for boycotts are means of constructing such an identity.

The act of collectively resolving to boycott Muslims reinforces their 'othering' and re-emphasises the VHP's idea of 'Hinduness'; reconstituting Hinduism, based on caste hierarchy, into a unified, ethnic whole, where the figure of the Dalit is replaced by the Muslim as the significant 'other'.

These grave new developments need to be taken into cognisance and an urgent politico-legal response to such public calls for Muslim economic boycott is required as they militate against the principle of fraternity enshrined in the Constitution. This can be done by a progressive redefinition of untouchability or by expanding the scope of the anti-boycott laws to include discrimination against religious communities.

Anshul Trivedi is a member of the Congress

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

"Sir, Ms. A. S. Mrunalini, L. R. Peta, Palakol, wants to know the meaning of the following: (a) sage (b) saint (c) recluse (d) mendicant

"A sage is noted for his profound wisdom. He had a comprehensive view of life. He is a *sthitha pragna* a person rooted in Self. A saint is a person of 'exceptional holiness'. A saint is noted for his great patience, kindness and unselfishness. A recluse is one who lives a life away from society. He prefers a solitary life. He avoids people. A person may be a recluse for religious reasons. A hermit is a recluse. A man who is a recluse needn't always be a hermit. A mendicant is one who lives by begging for alms. He is different from an ordinary beggar in that he bags out of spiritual conviction."

"Sir, Mr. Ch. Hanmanth Rao, Karimnagar, wants to know the difference between 'call on' and 'call in'.

" 'Call on' means 'to make a short visit to'. He called on me yesterday. Shall I call on you tomorrow? Please don't call on him without appointment. When you call on somebody to do something, you request him or invite him to do something. Now I call on Mr. Ram to speak. I was called on (or upon) to make a few remarks. You may be called upon to stage a play. 'Call in' has several meanings. One is 'to order or request the return of'. The bank called in all thousand rupee notes. The librarian called in all books for stock-taking. When you call in someone, you ask them 'to come and see you or take action of some kind, often because you need help'. The police were called in to deal with the strikers. 'Call in' is also used to mean 'make a telephone call to your office to report where you are and what you are doing'. She called in this afternoon to say that she was ill. Why didn't you call in and tell us that you weren't coming? In this context 'call in' can be replaced by 'call'. In American English, if you call someone, you telephone him. Why don't you call me tomorrow morning? Who is calling, please?"

"Sir, Mr. P. N. Radhakrishnan, State Bank of India, Kunnamkulam, wants to know the meaning of 'burke'."

" 'Burke' means 'to avoid, smother, (publicity, enquiry); 'hush up', 'suppress (rumour)'. I hear that she was burked by the burglar. He wanted to burke the issue. He wanted her to burke her conscience. When a publication is suppressed before it is circulated, you say it was burked. William Burke was a notorious criminal who used to suffocate people and sell their bodies to doctors for dissection. He was executed in Edinburgh in 1829. This is the origin of the word 'burke'. The 'r' and 'e' in burke are silent, 'u' is pronounced like the 'u' in 'lurk' and 'Turk'.

"Sir, Mr. V. J. Thacker, 12/1, Sripuram, Tirunelveli, wants to know the meaning of 'o' in 7 o'clock."

'O' is a contraction of 'of'. What is the time? 7 o'clock. It means that the by the reckoning of the clock, it is seven. In the distant past, people used to say 'seven of (the) clock.' Later 'of' became contracted to 'o'. The apostrophe stands for the missing 'f'."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Here is a quiz on species and their translocation

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
Which organisation catalogues translocation projects for threatened species around the globe?

QUESTION 2
This animal is Australia's most endangered marsupial and the rarest marsupial in the world. Recent conservation and translocation measures have had some success in increasing the population of this animal. Name the animal.

QUESTION 3
The translocation to the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas resulted in more than 2,500 individuals 11 years later and has been seen as one of the most successful translocations in the order Carnivora. Which animal species was translocated here?

QUESTION 4
Among plants, the translocation of this species during the construction of the largest European dam (Alqueva dam) is considered one of the best-known examples of a successful translocation in plants. Name the species.

QUESTION 5
South African giraffes were translocated to Senegal. What is it called when animals are translocated outside their historic and genetic range?

QUESTION 6
What is the name of the organisation which plays an important role in protecting Australia's native animal population? This organization also has programs specialising in translocation of endangered and threatened animals.

Identify this animal. This animal was translocated to a tiger reserve in India in 2011. Name the tiger reserve.

Answers to the previous day's quiz:
1. Gaddar was associated with this Telugu film director and even penned a song for his movie Maa Bhoomi **Ans: B. Narsing Rao**
2. In which year did Gaddar survive an assassination attempt? **Ans:1997**
3. Which was the political party floated by Gaddar in June to contest the Telangana Assemble election? **Ans: Gaddar Preja Party**
4. A book of Gaddar's poems was translated to English by this writer who has campaigned for women's rights. **Ans: Vasanth Kannabiran and My Life is a Song: Gaddar's Anthems for the Revolution**
5. Visual question: In 2019, Gaddar was presented an award named after an activitst who founded the Civic Rights Committee in 1960s to fight in Hyderabad Municipal Elections **Ans: Eashwari Bai**

Early Birds
Akhilesh Sharma

Word of the day

Polemic:
piece of writing or a speech in which a person strongly attacks or defends a particular opinion, person, idea, or set of beliefs

Synonyms: contention, disputation, contestation, controversy

Usage: *She has published a fierce anti-war polemic.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/polemicnew

International Phonetic Alphabet: /pəˈlem.ɪk/

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Jammu & Kashmir

Badlav aur Vikas ke 4 saal

Massive infrastructure boost for sports

More than 60 lakh youth engaged
in different Sports activities organized
at Panchayat, Block, District and UT level in the year 2022-23
as compared to 1.20 Lakh in 2018-19

- **100** District level *Khelo India* Centres and 02 Centres of Excellence in Fencing and Rowing Discipline established at Capital cities have been established since 2019
- **3rd Consecutive Winter Games organized in Gulmarg** this year since 2019
- **UT Level Capex budget increased** 12 times since 2019
- With vision of **'Sports and Games for all'** Sports policy has been rolled out by Government for promoting Sports across the UT
- Sports facilities including Stadium, playfield **tripled** since 2019
- Participation in **national level Sport** events **increased five times** since 2019
- **For the first time flood lit stadiums established across UT**

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Kannada short film at Bangalore Queer Film Festival

A still from the film *K.G.B.*

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Mahishaa's passion for portraying the stories of marginalized communities, is evident in the themes of his films

The indie short film *K.G.B. (Kadamba Geleyara Balaga)*, directed by Mahishaa, a Bengaluru-based filmmaker, stood out at the 13th edition of the Bangalore Queer Film Festival (BQFF) as the only Kannada language film to be screened at the event.

This coming-of-age story explores the notions of masculinity and healthy male friendships, where young boys become pillars of support for each other. Set in and around Sultanpalya in R.T. Nagar, the same neighbourhood where Mahishaa grew up, *K.G.B.* presents a delightful and thought-provoking tale about three friends striving to gather funds during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

Drawn from life

The film, produced by Suneel R., draws heavily from Mahishaa's own life experiences and memories. "I have always been interested in seeing boys in the area set up Ganesha pandals, and that's where the basis of the film was created," he said.

Although the shooting took only three days, the casting process was a challenging endeavour that spanned over three months. Mahishaa finally selected 16-year-old Likith Raj Arasu, a native of Mysuru, for the role of Hemanth, and Surya Saathi, a student at St. Joseph's University, for the role of Abhay. The search for the character Pruthvi was particularly arduous as the filmmaker was firm in not wanting a cisgender actor to play the character.

"There was a lot of intersection for the role, such as being non-binary or trans, 19-20 years old and a Kannada-speaking actor. We did not want a cisgender actor playing the character because it would undermine the essence of the role," he said. Eventually, they found Anush K.M.S., a trans actor and student at St. Joseph's University, who fit the role perfectly.

Choice of themes

Mahishaa's passion for portraying the stories of marginalized communities, especially those from Dalit, Bahujan, and Adivasi communities, is evident in the themes of his films. By focusing on the ordinary moments and close relationships in their lives, he challenges dominant narratives surrounding caste, class, and gender. The creators of *K.G.B.* have applied to several other film festivals across India.

Mahishaa's vision is to turn the short film into a web series. Mahishaa is also working on a documentary about Manjeet Sarkar, the first Dalit stand-up comedian in India.

A bus on the home stretch for HSR Layout residents in Bengaluru

The citizen group continues to engage with BMTC drivers to fine-tune the route, and also to train the staff to nudge people into using this service

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As 'Feeder IA' makes its way into HSR Layout, residents receive the "visitor" variously -- some with a knitted brow, surprised by the presence of a BMTC bus in their neck of the woods; and those who knew it was coming their way, smile and hop on the bus for a ride. They are greeted by the conductor with an enthusiasm matching theirs. The conductor holds a laminated map of the route, and shares the details it has to offer.

That is how it was on August 2 at HSR Layout, a day after the service started plying in the locality.

SuMA programme

Launched by Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, along with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) as part of the Sustainable Mobility Accords (SuMA) programme, this feeder service will go down as Bengaluru's early exercises to address the question of last-mile connectivity.

There is also an element of responsible citizenry to this initiative. The service with its various features can justifiably be seen as the result of three years of discussions between volunteers from HSR Citizen Forum and HSR Cyclists Group and DULT.

Part of these interactions had helped firm up the stops on the route. Originating at Agara bus stand, the bus proceeds to take in the major sections of HSR Layout, including Mangammanapalya and Somasundrapalya. Eighteen stops have been marked, ensuring coverage of all the seven sectors of HSR Layout. Currently, 10 buses are in harness, and arrives with an impressive frequency of 10 to 15 minutes.

The citizen group continues to engage with BMTC drivers to fine-tune the route and also to train the staff on adopting ways to nudge people into using this service.

A focus group discussion of students conducted during the pandemic.

Citizens' engagement

Nirupama V, a resident, got to know about this new service through the WhatsApp group from her street.

"Although my walk home from the Agara bus stand needs less than 1.5 km, getting a bus to cover that distance for you is certainly a huge help after a long day at work," says Nirupama, who uses the public transport to get to her workplace on MG Road.

To get more people to use multi-modal transport, the citizen forum is working on creating awareness at educational institutions, parks, food joints and supermarkets.

"We will soon be putting up posters at all these points to create awareness about the feeder service, its route, and about its frequency," says Jayanthi Srikanth, member of HSR Citizen Forum and project lead for SuMA.

One of the feeder service buses.

The citizen forum is working on creating awareness, to get more people to use multi-modal transport

Street plays, events in buses, and programmes to encourage children to switch to sustainable modes of transport are also being discussed.

Cycle day events

Shashidhara K., founder of HSR Cyclists Group, which has 600 members, says every fourth Sunday is celebrated as Cycle Day in the neighbourhood and their new campaign pivots around adoption of multi-modal transport.

"We are also reaching out to three major players in the co-working space that have a presence in the locality to encourage their tenants to adopt the feeder service," says Shashidhara.

He added that HSR Layout has 18 designated cycle parking areas, with the shopping hub 27th Main Road alone accounting for seven of them.

How HSR Layout got picked

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As part of SuMA Cohort 2020-21 to engage communities in Bengaluru to promote sustainable neighbourhoods, applications were invited from registered Resident Welfare Associations/Societies/ Trusts.

Seven communities or SuMA partners were shortlisted to undertake a project to help improve the mode share of sustainable mobility in their neighbourhood, says a note on the DULT website.

They are Malleswaram, HSR Layout, Doddanekundi, Begur, Rajmahal Vilas (RMV), JP Nagar and Kanakapura.

"HSR did not have a convenient public transport system connecting the neighbourhood all these years, so when we took five proposals and presented it at a community consultation, intra-layout shuttle service and last mile connectivity won the maximum votes," says Jayanthi Srikanth, project lead for SuMA feeder bus service.

Data Collection

The programme involved data collection and analysis, preparing proposals and implementing them. "Much of our ground work of engaging with people across sections was done during the pandemic which was a challenge but because of the reach HSR Citizen Forum had through WhatsApp groups and with various initiatives we were able to accomplish," says Jayanthi.

Bengaluru International Short Film Festival to see the premiere of 'Script to Screen' winners

The 13th edition of the festival is being held at The Goethe-Institute and Suchitra Film Society

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The 13th edition of the Bengaluru International Short Film Festival (BISFF) being held at the Goethe-Institute / Max Mueller Bhavan and Suchitra Film Society would this year see the premiere of five short films produced as part of the 'Script to Screen' Competition.

A still from one of the films to be screened at the festival. The festival has been receiving more than 3,000 applications from over 90 countries for the last couple of years.

Films to be screened

The films will be screened on August 10, 5.30 p.m. at the Suchitra Film Society. *Antaranga* directed by Udith Haridas, *Change* directed by Anas Shereef, *How are you* directed by Trupti Kulkarni, *Blue Sky, Blue Sea* by Prasad Siddheshwar, and *Thunai* by Vignesh Paramashivam would premier at the festival.

The 'Script to Screen' competition was organised by BISFF and the Goethe-Institut in 2022.

The selected scripts were awarded a production grant of ₹1 lakh each.

"We announced the competition last year inviting scripts under 20 minutes," Anand Varadaraj of Suchitra Film Society who is also BISFF Festival Director told *The Hindu*.

The invitation received 58 submissions from which five were selected by a five-member jury.

"We had done a cinematography course in collaboration with the Goethe Institute and German cinematographer Emil Klaus. That resulted in producing a two to three-minutes short film which will also be screened during the session," Mr. Varadaraj added.

India's only Oscar-accredited short film festival, BISFF is being held from August 3 to 13, this time in a hybrid format.

Online screenings are being held from August 3-13, and offline screenings would be held from August 10-12 at Suchitra Film Society and Goethe-Institut. The festival would also feature discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities.

The first edition of BISFF was conducted in 2010 with about 40 submissions. Since then, it has grown under the mentorship of theatre artist and media personality Prakash Belawadi.

Mr. Varadaraj noted that the festival has been receiving more than 3,000 applications from over 90 countries for the last couple of years.

This year, BISFF is streaming around 250 films.

Infosys Foundation, BVB collaboration enters 25th year

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The second edition of cultural festivals aims to provide a platform to over 3,000 artists

The philanthropic and CSR arm of Infosys has announced the commencement of the second edition of its cultural festivals across eight cities in the country, in association with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, to promote India's visual and performing arts, according to a release.

This year marks 25 years of collaboration between the two organizations both of whom share a common vision and mission to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of India, the release added.

Aimed at preserving traditional folk and classical art forms, the second edition of the cultural festivals aim to provide a platform to over 3,000 artists from various communities to showcase their talent, according to the two organisations.The cultural festivals this year will include sculptor's camps, musical events, storytelling workshops, history camps, dance, art, and poetry.

The first cultural festival will be hosted in Chandigarh for a week commencing on October 16, 2023, and will subsequently be organized in Jaipur, Bengaluru, Pune, Nagpur, Bhubaneshwar, Thiruvananthapuram, and Kolkata. "The objective of this collaboration is to provide a platform for underprivileged artists and their communities and helping preserve traditional folk and classical art forms," the release said.

Talking about the collaboration, Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Trustee, Infosys Foundation, said, "We are proud of this engagement through which the talent of different artists has been able to get a platform and acknowledgement. This collaboration with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, is one of our marquee efforts to preserve the cultural fabric of our country for future generations." H.N. Suresh, Director of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bengaluru Kendra, said, "Through this association, we have been able to showcase their talent and preserve traditional folk and classical art forms in India."

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The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 9, 1973

Cheap Rice supply in Bangalore

Bangalore, August 8: Rice will be supplied to consumers in Bangalore at a reasonable price through the State Co-operative Marketing Federation.

An arrangement had been concluded last month at a meeting the Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devraj Urs, had with the traders here to make coarse rice available at Rs. 150 a kilogram. The Chief Minister had offered to extend all assistance to the merchants to move rice from districts like Mandya and Shimoga.

However, the arrangement ran into difficulties and failed to achieve the desired results.

Considerable progress in Gnat Development

Bangalore, Aug. 8: The Hindustan Aeronautics had made considerable progress in the development of gnat MK II (fighter) aircraft and was awaiting Government approval to go ahead with the HF-24 MK II project while the possibility of developing a more advanced version of the HF-24 was being vigorously pursued. Air Chief Marshal O.P. Mehra, who is also Chairman of HAL said here today.

Talking to pressmen after a meeting of the HAL Board of Directors, Air Chief Marshal Mehra said that work was also proceeding on further development of the HE 2000 engine and the building of further prototypes thereof. Work on the design and development of a 400 piston engine for the Basant (Agricultural) aircraft had begun.

Comfort with peanut butter and cocktails

Recognised as one of Germany's most influential bars in the last 20 years, Wax On is set to host bar takeovers in Bengaluru and Mumbai on August 18 and 20 respectively

Swathi Nair

In November 2021, Wax On bar opened in Neukölln, Berlin, featuring inventive blends like peanut butter and strawberry, mimicking the flavours of a whiskey sour. Known for their use of laboratory-level apparatus, they craft clear distilled drinks from heavy, mushy ingredients such as banana, peanut butter and strawberry.

"People joke that we just don't have any garnishes. We have garnish holders on the bar station, but we never use them," says Joe Lewis-White, the operations director.

The six-member bar team includes Sam Orrock, the owner, bringing his vision to life, and Damien Guichard, the creative director, infusing artistic flair.

Sam's background includes working at London's Scout bar and collaborating with renowned mixologist Matt Whiley. Damien, on the other hand, spent nearly a decade honing his craft in Berlin, leading creative programmes and contributing to Bar Convent Berlin (BCB).

Meanwhile, the operations director Joe's journey encompasses working at The American Bar at The Savoy Hotel in London to managing Two Schmucks in Spain, which ranked number seven on the prestigious 50 Best Bars list last year.

Last year, the Berlin bar was named one of the country's most influential bars of the last 20 years by *Mixology* magazine and was awarded the title of Best New Bar of 2022 in the German-speaking world by the same magazine. Additionally, it was among the Top 10 new bars worldwide for 2022 by The Tales of the Cocktail Foundation.

Joe acknowledges the importance of playing the PR and marketing game to achieve global recognition in these award programmes, which involve social media and travelling. "It's not what really happened, it's just what happened on Instagram," he chuckles.

Joe notes a service void in Berlin's hospitality venues, partly due to the city's unique history. "If you compare the average service to other major European cities, you'd see a difference," he says.

He however, asserts that is not the case at Wax On. "The drink is just a vehicle to arrive at a greater thing, which is the experience." The focus is on providing a personal touch, like getting to know guests by asking at least three questions, such as their purpose of visit, residence, and favourite drink, fostering meaningful interactions

During summer, the bar extends its energy to the terrace, while in winter, the fireplace inside creates a warm ambience.

Their approach to drinks and bar design emphasises quick service. Highballs on the menu are pre-carbonated for speed and quality. Joe highlights that hard work happens during preparation and tasting, allowing drinks to be poured on demand. This minimises drink-making time and maximizes guest interaction.

The bar embraces classic cocktails with innovative twists, inviting guests to explore the menu. They offer familiar classics like old-fashioned or gimlets, enriched with exciting accents of peanut butter and strawberry.

Waxing eloquent A gimlet (left) House Negroni, Ultimate Paloma and Cherry Paloma at Wax On in Berlin (above) Damien Guichard and Joe Lewis-White. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Despite seemingly complex mixes, like the old-fashioned with whiskey, peanut butter, strawberry, Pedro Ximenez Sherry, and salt, the familiarity of the names helps guests know what to expect – a whiskey-forward, stirred-down, and slightly boozy cocktail. "However, the magic lies in the layers of flavour – a creamy nuttiness and a nostalgic interplay between peanut butter and strawberry that connects emotionally with the guest," explains Joe.

Their Go Apes cocktail, a clear drink with the flavour of banana, achieved through rum, clarified banana, a hint of black walnuts, a touch of coffee, sugar, and citric acid for balance, has garnered a devoted following. "One of our regulars loved the Go Apes so much that he got it tattooed on his foot," Joe shares.

Utilising expensive apparatus like the centrifuge and rotavap to craft clear distilled cocktails can be financially challenging for a bar. However, they found a clever solution by partnering with the manufacturer, Heidolph, and earned these tools through content creation for the brand.

Another way to stay within budget is to make distillates in-house, like the peanut flavour for the old-fashioned, using cost-effective peanut butter for maximum flavour extraction instead of peanuts. "Not only is peanut butter cheaper in bulk, but it also provides the best extraction of flavour due to its high surface area," explains the Londoner.

Operating in both on-trade and off-trade segments, the bar's inventive approach has led to lucrative ventures beyond serving drinks, such as consulting and bar takeover events, enhancing their revenue stream and ability to invest dynamically.

"Let me be clear; our bar is not perfect, and we've made mistakes," shares Joe. In the first year, he realised he had taken on too much, leading to physical and mental burnout. Despite trying to be more conscious of limitations, he admits to making similar mistakes after two months, acknowledging, "I am only human."

Nevertheless, the team this year decided to reduce their travel, focusing on fewer, more significant trips instead of numerous smaller ones. Joe emphasises, "Our bar is the core of everything, and it makes no sense for Damien and me to go around praising Wax On if we're all struggling back at the bar."

Another valuable lesson came from Little Red Door, an Italian cocktail bar, suggesting they use WhatsApp only for personal communication, not for office matters. Joe adds, "That change helped improve our company culture, and it's great to have that kind of support from international peers."

With a focus on accessibility, innovation, and community, Wax On proves that the bar experience is more than just the drinks; it's about moments that leave a lasting impression and finding comfort and familiarity in your neighbourhood.

Wax On's bar takeover is on August 18 at ZLB 23, The Leela Palace, Bengaluru and August 20 at Four Seasons Hotel, Mumbai.

EATING OUT

A memorable encounter

Swathi Nair

Growing up in India during the '90s, my first exposure to popular American franchise restaurants such as Wendy's, The Cheesecake Factory and Olive Garden came primarily from pop culture references in American TV shows and movies. Chili's, a Tex-Mex joint, also entered my consciousness through similar means.

Back then, my understanding of Tex-Mex cuisine was limited, and it was not until later that I truly grasped its essence. Early perceptions were clouded by misconceptions propagated by sceptics, who dismissed it as a mere imitation of authentic Mexican dishes or a regrettable fare commonly found at American sports bars.

If you have unknowingly succumbed to these fallacies and consequently neglected the regional cuisine of South Texas, there remains an opportunity for redemption. You may begin your exploration at your local Chili's. The US establishment opened its third outlet in Bengaluru at Lulu mall recently.

For aficionados of cheese-laden and fried food, the menu caters to your inclinations with unfeigned precision.

The crispy nachos are made in-house and served with fresh guacamole and sour cream. As you savour the experience, the buttery prawns in their piping hot sauce arrive, and a helpful tip emerges – they pair exceptionally well with soft tortillas.

The service was efficient, and we decided to start with the triple dipper, offering three dipping sauces. Among them, the honey mustard stood out with its smooth, sweet, and tangy flavour. The chipotle ranch was decent, while the avocado sauce was underwhelming and not worth trying again.

The crispy cajun chicken bites impressed me with their spiciness, crunch, and overall deliciousness. However, the chicken wings and boneless chicken bites were rather ordinary and did not leave a lasting impression.

A helpful tip would be to consider ordering your main course when you are about halfway through your starters, as the portions offered here are quite generous.

Chili's
Address: Chili's, second floor, Lulu International shopping mall, Mysore Deviation Road, Majestic, Bengaluru
Hits: Nachos, veggie fajitas and double bacon burger
Misses: Paradise pie
Timings: 12 noon to 11:30 pm
Call: +919319097394
Ambience: Casual diner
Wallet factor: ₹1,600 for two people without alcohol

Chili's sizzling fajitas are defined by the captivating sound that accompanies juicy meat and vegetables hitting a hot skillet. The veggie fajita features spiced vegetables roasted in fragrant herbs served on a sizzling skillet alongside tomato-flavoured rice. It came with tortillas, beans, salsa, in-house pico de gallo, sour cream, shredded cheese, and guacamole on the side.

The ultimate bacon burger is a cholesterol-inducing challenge, featuring a lamb meat patty adorned with crispy bacon strips, pickles, cheddar, red onion, lettuce, tomato, and jalapeno aioli, with both spicy and tangy sauce, as well as a honey-chipotle sauce.

The meal ended with a chocolate cake hiding a molten chocolate centre, topped with vanilla ice cream in a chocolate shell.

Chili's brings a sizzling experience to the table with its Tex-Mex delights and ambience. From fajitas that make mouths water to burgers that are the "bees-neez," these dishes demand attention as they shed light on the delights of Tex-Mex cuisine. It originated in northern Mexico and features highly adaptable ranch cooking that maximises local ingredients alongside flour tortillas, kidney bean stews, and cheap meat cuts, elevated by the touch of an open grill.

TOTO awards turns 20

Toto Funds The Arts (TFA) invites young musicians, writers, photographers, filmmakers and digital artists to send their submissions for the 20th annual TOTO Awards. TFA, to mark the two-decade milestone, has raised the prize money from ₹50,000 to ₹60,000 for all categories.

Founded in 2004 in memory of Angirus 'Toto' Vellani, an art and literature lover who died in an accident that year, the awards intend to recognise the potential for excellence in various artistic fields.

There are 10 awards – two each for music, photography, creative writing in English, and short films, and one each for creative writing in Kannada and digital art.

Milestone moment Winners at a previous edition of Toto Funds The Arts. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Indian citizens between the ages of 18 and 29 are eligible to apply. Full details about eligibility, application process, and submission deadline for each award category can be found at totofundsthearts-.blogspot.com and totofundsthearts.org.

Applicants are requested to send in their submissions only after checking all the details pertaining to the application process. The last date for submissions is September 20, 2023.

CITYBEATS

Vegetarian delights

ONGOING
Khandani Rajdhani has come up with an all-vegetarian cuisine – Shravan At Khandani Rajdhani.
There will be special curated thalis with authentic Indian dishes with breads, rice, vegetables, lentils and desserts, crafted with the finest ingredients and an abundance of flavours.
On across all Khandani Rajdhani outlets.

Best of both worlds

ON TILL AUGUST 27
Magnolia Bakery and Geist Brewing Co have collaborated and launched a dessert-inspired cocktail menu. Magnolia's signature desserts have been recreated into boozy concoctions by mixologist Revanth Buga. The menu includes going bananas, west village whiskey, chocolate buttercream cupcake and the classic cocktail.
Details on @magnoliabakery.india

Millet in every bite

ONGOING
Angsana Oasis Spa & Resort has created an array of dishes that features just millets. The menu includes dishes such as ragi vermicelli with egg white and onion chutney, fruit millet salad, avocado tuscan on millet bread, millet *khichdi*, millet corn balls, millet *kheer* and more. Brunch is priced at ₹1999 per person.
Angsana, on Doddaballapura Main Road, can be contacted at 9845211036.

INBRIEF

Famed film director Siddique passes away in Kochi hospital

Malayalam director Siddique passed away at a hospital in Kochi on Tuesday at the age of 63. He suffered a heart attack on Monday. He was one member of popular filmmaker duo Siddique-Lal. Before parting ways, the duo created some of the biggest comedy blockbusters in Malayalam, including *Ramji Rao Speaking*, *Godfather* and *Vietnam Colony*. He has also directed films in Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi. His films *Friends* and *Kaavalan* in Tamil where he collaborated with actor Vijay, were well-received.

Ramanagara Municipal Corpn. Commissioner booked in accident case

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Ramanagara Muncipal Corporation Commissioner L. Nagesh has been booked for allegedly knocking down a motorcycle, killing a woman pillion rider on the spot near the Deputy Commissioner's office on August 8.

According to the police, Mr. Nagesh was heading to office when the incident occurred and he left the accident spot soon after, leaving the car behind. The deceased has been identified as Siddiqa Anjum, while the rider, Syed Zaid, sustained multiple injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment.

The victims were heading to Mysuru from Ramanagara.

Anjum was a resident of Avalahalli and working in a private firm. She was going to her grandmother's house in Yarub Nagar with her relative, said the police.

Even though she was wearing a half helmet, due to the impact, she sustained severe head injuries and was killed on the spot. Passers-by rushed the injured Zaid to the hospital.

The Ramanagara traffic police have registered a case of rash and negligent driving and death due to negligence and seized the car for further investigations.

'Issue norms for sex selective surgeries on intersex infants'

Kerala HC gives the directive while rejecting a plea to conduct reconstructive surgery on a child; it asks State govt. to form multidisciplinary committee to decide on issue till regulations are framed

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KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has directed the State government to issue within three months an order regulating sex selective surgeries on intersex infants and children.

Justice V.G. Arun also ordered that until the regulation was put in place, sex selective surgery shall be permitted only based on the opinion of a State-level multidisciplinary committee that the surgery was essential to save the life of such child/infant.

The court passed the directives recently while disposing of a writ petition filed by the parents of a

It said that nod for conducting such a surgery would impinge the rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

child born with ambiguous genitalia seeking permission of the court to conduct a genital reconstructive surgery on the child.

The court directed the government to constitute a State-level multidisciplinary committee consisting of a paediatrician/ paediatric endocrinologist, paediatric surgeon and child psychiatrist/ child psychologist to decide whether the child was facing any life threatening situation by reason of the ambiguous genitalia. If so, permission could be granted for carrying out the surgery.

The court observed that grant of permission for conducting genital reconstructive surgery would impinge the rights guaranteed under the Constitution and conduct of the surgery without consent would violate the child's dignity and privacy.

Granting such permission may also result in severe emotional and psychological issues if, on attaining adolescence, the child developed orientation towards the gender, other than the one to which the child was converted through surgical intervention.

It pointed out that the definition of transgender in Section 2(k) of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act took in persons with intersex variations also, thereby making the protections under the Act available to such persons. Section 4(2) of the Act guaranteed the right to have a self perceived gender identity. Thus it was beyond cavil that the right to choose gender was vested with the individual concerned and no one else, not even the court.

Karnataka HC quashes rape case, says complainant has a 'habit' of trapping men

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court has quashed two criminal cases of "rape and cheating" against a man by stating that the cases were registered on the complaint of a woman, who was in the habit of seeking relationship with men through social media and later registering cases alleging they had sex with her on false promise of marriage.

If trial of such cases is permitted to go on, then it would be putting a premium on the activities of the woman: High Court

"If the trial of such cases is permitted to continue, then it would be putting a premium on the activities of the complainant woman and her effort to abuse the process of law over and over," the court observed.

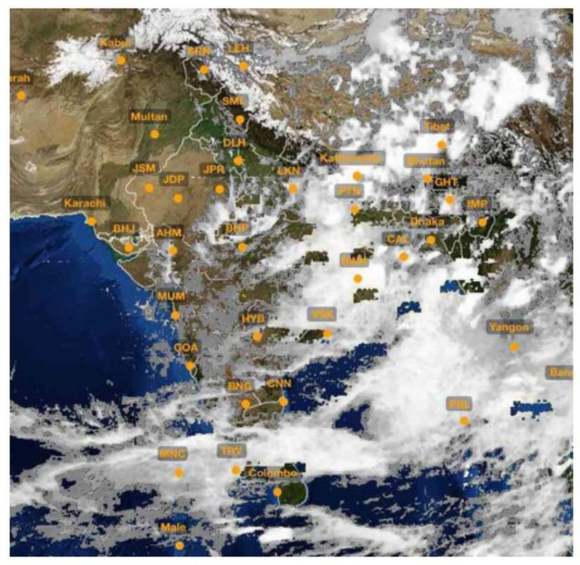
Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by one Girinath questioning the two separate complaints lodged against him by one Rajeshwari in Bengaluru and Davangere on the same set of charges.

The court also noted from the records that the complainant had entered into a similar consensual relationship with one Dhanush in 2013 and later lodged a criminal case, which ultimately ended in his acquittal in 2016 after she herself turned hostile.

As the complainant herself admitted having consensual sex with the petitioner till 2019, the court said, "Fading away of intimacy after six years of consensual intercourse cannot mean that it would become ingredients of Section 375 (rape) of the IPC" and continuation of proceedings against the petitioner would run foul of a plethora of judgements rendered by the top court in such relationships.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal and Jharkhand

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1.2	28.4	25.4	Kozhikode	0.1	32.4	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	33.6	25.5	Kurnool	—	34.6	25.2
Aizawl	9	25.4	21.4	Lucknow	—	33.3	26.5
Allahabad	—	33.2	26.8	Madurai	0.3	38.4	25.6
Bengaluru	—	29.4	20.5	Mangaluru	15.3	28.4	23.4
Bhopal	—	—	23.5	Mumbai	0.1	31.4	27.0
Bhubaneswar	—	33.6	25.6	Mysuru	—	33.0	23.4
Chandigarh	37	33.5	00.0	New Delhi	—	34.4	26.6
Chennai	—	35.9	29.1	Patna	0.3	29.2	27.5
Coimbatore	—	33.0	23.4	Port Blair	0.4	31.0	26.7
Dehradun	1.7	31.4	25.1	Puducherry	1.7	35.2	27.3
Gangtok	16	21.2	18.7	Pune	0.1	29.2	22.9
Goa	2	31.1	24.8	Raipur	2	31.4	25.2
Guwahati	15	34.5	26.3	Ranchi	28	26.6	22.4
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	15	25.0	18.8
Hyderabad	—	31.4	23.5	Shimla	1.8	24.5	16.5
Imphal	13	27.8	21.5	Srinagar	—	32.0	17.6
Jaipur	—	32.6	26.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.8	24.8
Kochi	—	29.8	25.4	Tiruchi	—	38.3	27.4
Kohima	7	23.0	18.9	Vijayawada	—	36.4	28.0
Kolkata	14	32.5	25.7	Visakhapatnam	—	31.8	29.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.27	.37	.46	57	108	
Bengaluru	.12	.—	.32	189	184	
Chennai	.6	.30	.20	75	70	
Delhi	.6	.15	.68	123	153	
Hyderabad	.11	.9	.38	103	113	
Kolkata	.18	.29	.27	49	51	
Lucknow	.4	.35	.32	56	76	
Mumbai	.32	.9	.21	50	116	
Pune	133	225	110	74	65	
Visakhapatnam	.14	.46	.49	71	146	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 261 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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दिनांक : 08.08.2023

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3. **Online Tender Enquiry No. :** T-476/MPPHSCL/DIGITAL BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS/QC/2023, uploaded on 07.08.2023 (Portal and Website)
4. RFP for Selection of Agency (Indigenous Plasma Manufacturer) for Collection of Sero-reactive (Hepatitis B and C Positive) Blood From Blood Centers of Madhya Pradesh
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S.N.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1	Date of Online Registration	16th August 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 18th August 2023 (Till 05:00 PM)	03 Days
2	Date of Deposition of Registration & Security Money	16th August 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 19th August 2023 (Till 05:00 PM)	04 Days
3	Date of on-line Document Verification	16th August 2023 to 19th August 2023	04 Days
4	Date of Merit List Declaration	19th August 2023	01 Day
5	Date of On-line Choice filling	21st August 2023 (From 11:00 AM) to 24th August 2023 (Till 11:00 AM)	03 Days
6	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	25th / 26th August 2023	01 Day
7	Date for downloading the Allotment letters	28th August 2023 to 2nd September 2023	06 Days
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2) Approximate cost of the work: ₹ **42,28,714/-; 3)** Cost of Tender Form: **Nil; 4)** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): ₹ **84,600/-; 5)** Completion Period of work: **3 (Three) Months; 6)** Tender Closing Date & Time: **28.08.2023 15.30 hrs; 7)** Notice board particulars where details of can be obtained : **Office of the Dy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, (Construction), Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction;**

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Falling short

The data protection Bill continues to have deficiencies that need cleaning up

The Digital Data Protection Bill, 2023, was passed in the Lok Sabha on Monday and will now have to be cleared by the Rajya Sabha. The fresh iteration, which has undergone a few drafts, seems to have incorporated suggestions made to its 2022 version, although it is not clear what the submissions were as the consultation process was not brought to light by the government. The highlight of the Bill is the provision that personal data of an individual, the data principal, may be processed by an entity or a person, the data fiduciary, for a lawful purpose only after the consent of the data principal or "for certain legitimate uses". These "uses" are situations where such data may be processed without obtaining the data principal's consent, such as by government agencies for providing licences, welfare benefits, permits and services. This Bill includes an obligation on the part of the data fiduciary to notify the data principal – and the Data Protection Board (DPB), to be established by the government to adjudicate on compliance or not with the Bill – if there is a personal data breach. There are other obligations defined for the data fiduciary as well, but one issue with the Bill is that it does not include the need for informing data principals about third-parties with whom the data could be shared, or duration of storage.

Too much leeway is provided to agencies of the state in the form of exemptions. The Srikrishna Committee's Draft Bill in 2018 allowed for exemptions to be granted to state institutions from acquiring informed consent from data principals or to process their data in matters related only to the "security of the state", and also called for a law to provide for parliamentary oversight and judicial approval of non-consensual access to personal data. In the 2023 version, the state is empowered to process data through wide-ranging exemptions and the government is allowed, in effect, to collect information which could be used for mass surveillance. In overriding consent to be obtained by the state from the data principal for purposes of providing benefits, subsidies, and licences, the Bill also does away with purpose limitation – using the data only for the specified purpose. It seeks to introduce amendments that effectively remove the public interest exception to disclosure of personal information under the Right to Information Act, thereby diluting accountability and transparency in the functioning of government officials. The Bill also continues to retain a much weaker version of the regulatory Data Protection Authority envisaged in the 2018 version in the DPB which will only have adjudicatory and not regulatory powers, and whose members will be appointed by the Union government. The Bill must be thoroughly discussed and these discrepancies ironed out in the Rajya Sabha.

Communal penalty

Haryana government cannot use riots as a pretext to demolish Muslim homes

The idea of inflicting collective punishment on the Muslim community soon after any riot or communal disturbance seems to be an ingrained part of governance in Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled States. The use of excavators to demolish houses, shops and other establishments has now spread to Haryana, after it was practised with impunity in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi last year. The Punjab and Haryana High Court has done well to stop authorities from continuing with their demolition drive in Gurugram and Nuh, that witnessed communal clashes, leaving six dead. Taking *suo motu* cognisance of reports about the demolition activity, the Bench has minced no words in raising the question whether the action is a sort of "ethnic cleansing", as buildings belonging to a particular community were being brought down "under the guise of a law and order problem". It has observed that there appears to be no order to demolish the buildings or prior notice to its occupants and that the law and order situation was just a ruse. Few would disagree with the court's characterisation of the action in Haryana. The same dubious and ambivalent messaging about the demolitions that one saw in other States is being witnessed in Haryana too. For legal purposes, officials will say the buildings are encroachments and are being removed as per law. For political purposes, it is made very clear that rioters are getting the treatment they deserve.

It requires no special knowledge of the law to say the demolitions are inherently illegal in the absence of any process. It is not clear what evidence is being used to identify buildings belonging to alleged rioters or to ascertain whether those not involved are also using the premises. Reports suggest that personal belongings and inventory are not allowed to be removed before a building is razed. There is one example of a house that provided refuge to a family during the violence being demolished. Using communal violence as a pretext to impose extra-legal punitive measures will invariably lead to bias, as officials implementing such orders will have no choice except to portray the occupants of the buildings to be razed as encroachers to retain the fig-leaf of legal justification and as anti-social elements for moral justification. In any case, to escape the charge of ignoring encroachments all this while and waiting for a riot to take action, they will have to provide evidence of serving notices on the occupants and, if needed, backdate such notices. The judicial intervention should put an end to the pattern of using the state machinery to inflict misery on a section of the population.

The grammar of commerce in a new age of geopolitics

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That India is a favoured trading partner, with potential for a large market, has been quite evident, at least since March 2018 when 23 advanced and developing countries agreed to have currency swap arrangements with India, extending credits in settling transactions.

Use of rupee for international payments

There has been an unexpected turn in the use of the Indian rupee for international transactions after the Ukraine-Russia war began in early 2022, in turn leading to sanctions imposed by the United States and the European Union on Russia, by directly targeting the assets of Russian financial institutions. The issue became serious for Russia (one of the largest suppliers of India's 212.2 million tons of crude oil imports during 2022) and for India (a large market for Russian exports). An alternative route was chosen to settle payments between India and Russia by using the Indian rupee in transactions related to trade between the two countries.

When it comes to the modalities, payments from either India or Russia now go to the Rupee Vostro accounts, opened in Russian banks by the authorised dealer banks in India, which take care of settling payments between the two countries. Indian importers, going by the terms in this arrangement, pay rupees to the Rupee Vostro account through authorised Indian banks against invoices presented by the Russian supplier. The arrangement is supposed to provide for payments to Russians – for items India has been importing on a regular basis such as mineral fuels, crude oil and even the air defence system. Exports from India can also be paid in rupees from the same Vostro account maintained with the corresponding bank in Russia.

While the arrangement seemed to be fool-proof, a problem emerged in meeting the payments, with Russia continuing with a trade surplus – despite global turmoil, the sum in 2020-21 amounted to $3.42 billion, followed by similar surpluses in the following years. With Russia reluctant to hold more of the Indian rupee as an asset in the Vostro account (as the rupee has a low rank in the global currency hierarchy and may be subject to depreciation), India faced an issue in arranging for payments and letting the agreement continue. The options were few, with the dollar or the Euro not permissible (the sanctions prevent some Russian banks from making or receiving international payments using SWIFT) or by purchasing the rouble at an exchange rate which is too volatile in the market. As reported in the media, Indian refiners for instance have settled some payments for Russian oil imports using the Chinese yuan – which seems to be acceptable to Russia. This is in the backdrop of Russia selling oil to China and accepting yuan payments.

> There seems to be a new financial architecture, where currencies of the South are ready to replace the hegemonic and exploitative order enjoyed by currencies and economies of the North

Agreements in the past

The concerns highlighted above bring back memories of similar bilateral trade and clearing arrangements that India had initiated in the 1950s. This was a major tool used in conducting trade with the former Soviet Union and countries in the Soviet bloc – arrangements that reflected the inter-war clearing arrangements in Europe largely used to contain and confine mutual trade within the region.

In a similar manner, bilateral trading arrangements between India and the Soviet Union provided a closed account in rupees to handle merchandise as well as credit-related transactions between the two countries, with the rupee as the medium for all such dealings. It began in the 1950s, with the Soviet Union setting up a steel plant in Bhilai, defying the opposition from western nations. Loans from the Soviet Union to India as well as the net proceeds from trade were pooled through the bilateral clearing account which was denominated in rupees.

Problems similar to concerns now over the choice of a suitable currency to settle trade surpluses came up earlier too when the Soviet Union began having trade surpluses on a consistent basis. The floating of the dollar in 1971 led to a turmoil in the currency market and the rouble, at 10 to a rupee, was virtually left to the market. Problems worsened with the Balkanisation of the former Soviet Union that left Russia standing separate. The India-Soviet Agreement had a natural ending at that stage.

However, problems in the past, in settling payments on trade surpluses relate to a different geopolitical scenario if one compares the situation prevalent now. While the purchase of the yuan to settle Russian surpluses in the prevailing rupee account is currently approved as a convenient step by Russia, there is a history of opposition, in the context of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), to similar use of the Chinese currency by the non-Chinese members of BRICS. This was in the context of setting up a clearing arrangement among BRICS members to settle the consistently large surpluses that were held by China. The idea did not work out.

The prevalent geoeconomic scene has also led to further settlements in local currencies, as seen in the recent rupee-dirham agreement between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), covering transactions in trade, remittances and capital flows. The process will help to avoid exchange risks for both trade partners and save, for India, dollar payments for its imports of crude oil and minerals from the UAE. In addition the agreement provides for interlinking their payment and messaging systems. It makes for quick and cost-effective transfers of money for an estimated 3.5 million Indian community in the UAE – an 18% share in terms of the total remittance flows into India. Negotiations are on with Indonesia to launch a similar agreement using the rupiah for transactions with India.

None can deny the saving of hard currencies in these agreements despite a possible loss of confidence in currencies (as with the Russian rouble) that could disrupt such arrangements.

A new financial architecture

With the Indian rupee, the Russian rouble, China's yuan, the UAE's dirham and even Indonesia's rupiah sharing the common goal of local currency transactions, one also notices a geo-economic and political turn with countries in the South getting ready to trade and settle their payments with one another without the use of the hegemonic currencies from the advanced economies in the North.

It follows, as a sequel, that the set up will also avoid seeking the help of institutions in the advanced countries, which include the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank as well as private capital – at least in settling their mutual transactions. Political differences as well as the disparate status of currencies may crop up as issues, especially with China's role in it. But geoeconomics may prevail over geopolitics to overcome the differences. After all, it is capitalism. It is worth watching the change, which heralds the early beginning of a new financial architecture where currencies of the South are ready to replace the hegemonic and exploitative order enjoyed by currencies (and economies) of the North for much too long.

Climate events and an umbrella for urban health

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There has been much media focus on the monsoon season in India this year largely on account of the large-scale devastation in parts. Beginning with the cyclonic storm Biparjoy that formed over the Arabian Sea in June and which made landfall in western India, to the floods in the north-eastern State of Assam, and the recent episodes of heavy rain and devastation in parts of north India, the subject has been a matter of concern especially for policymakers.

Even as the process of getting back to normal life is in various stages, we must not lose sight of another looming challenge. Common water and vector-borne diseases such as typhoid, cholera, dysentery, leptospirosis, malaria, and dengue are likely to impact people in rain-affected areas. Conditions in these areas are most likely to be conducive for the spread of water and vector-borne diseases.

While every section of the population is affected in different ways as a result of extreme climate events, there is no doubt that households in urban areas, particularly in less developed parts of a city such as slums and urban settlement colonies, are likely to be the most vulnerable groups. A large majority of people in these slums and resettlement colonies live in poverty, working in the informal sector of the urban economy with no social security benefits.

A study on disease vulnerability

The findings on the vulnerability of households to climate change-led events, such as those in recent months in India, finds a place in our recently published study in the *Indian Journal of Public Health*. The study highlights two important points: While households in general with poor socio-economic indicators are more vulnerable to malaria, it is urban households, when compared to their rural counterparts, that are significantly at a much greater odds of suffering from malaria. It is well known that dengue too affects the urban population more. Second, households from climatically high and moderately high vulnerable States are at greater odds of suffering from malaria.

> The vulnerability of urban households to climate change-led events needs attention in India

Post the monsoon season, water and vector-borne disease management officials are on high alert to monitor and contain the spread of such diseases. However, this time the pressure on them will be palpable. Controlling the spread of these diseases requires a systematic and coordinated effort not only within but also between two or more States. One reason is because of the movement of people between States. Therefore, coordinating mitigation and adaptation efforts can be a challenge.

Rebuild the health system

Given increasing exposure to unpredictable and extreme climatic events, we need to rebuild the urban primary health-care system and ensure its resilience. Such a system should focus on the vulnerable urban population, especially those living in urban slums and peri-urban areas. A resilient health system is one which can respond to emergency situations, prepare well in advance against impending crises and adapt to changing public health needs.

A crucial prerequisite for this is greater public investment with an immediate focus on urban areas that are more vulnerable to climatic shocks. We spend very little on primary health care and only a tiny fraction goes to urban local bodies. Even though the National Urban Health Mission has made modest beginnings in improving primary-care systems in urban areas, the limited and varied ability of urban local bodies in generating revenues constrains progress.

A large part of preventive and public health functions are the responsibilities of local bodies. What is essential is a special fund from statutory institutions such as the Finance Commission that is targeted towards building a resilient system for vulnerable urban areas. Such attention needs to go beyond cities, to towns.

The COVID-19 experience

It is important to recognise the complexities of urban health governance with multiple agencies and fragmented care provisioning, alongside the increasing presence and dominance of the private sector. The experience during the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that public health emergencies need greater coordination and cooperation across various actors in terms of knowledge and data sharing, preventive and curative functions, treatment practices and, above all, the regulation of rates and standards. The realm of surveillance and information systems such as the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme needs to be universalised, made comprehensive and strengthened.

With the complex nature of the health and the climate crisis, the current system of vertical disease control programmes needs to give way to a comprehensive health system approach in the management of public health programmes. An immediate step in working towards this could be the integration of front line workers across various disease management programmes to create a cadre of multi-purpose, front line public health cadres in urban areas, who would be accountable to communities as well as to the health system. Such integration will also help address one of the key challenges in the sphere of public health in the country – a shortage of an adequately trained workforce in health and allied areas.

As a system, we most often work in a resource-constrained environment. Therefore, such systems must integrate in their planning and management the idea that climate change-led events are only going to be more frequent and intense. The world needs to be better prepared.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Demolition drive

As far as the report, "Court stays demolition drive in Haryana" (Page 1, August 8), is concerned, the pertinent questions are: are buildings that belong to a particular community being brought down under the guise of law and order problems? Is ethnic cleansing being carried out by the State? The Bench's ruling that the demolitions cannot be carried out without following the procedure prescribed in the law strengthens and reinforces the supremacy of "the law of the land". In light of the bulldozer culture prevalent in some States ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party, the top court of the land must come up with a blanket direction in this regard so that the rule of law reigns supreme in India.

P.K. Sharma,
Barnala, Punjab

The laudable effort taken by Mr. Anish, a move that saved three people from a mob in Nuh, highlights how the empathetic and compassionate nature of certain individuals can remain unperturbed even in a strong atmosphere of mutual hate and mistrust created by vested interests. It is extremely unfortunate that Mr. Anish's house came in the cross-hairs of a bulldozer. One hopes that the demolished house will be quickly rebuilt. This episode should send a strong message that 'the real heroes are the people who save people from mob violence during the riots'. At least now, 'bulldozer worship' must start fading from certain sections of society.

A. Venkatasubramanian,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

What is happening is shocking. The law neither permits nor condones the demolition of buildings belonging to those who indulge in violence. Adequate penal sections of the law are available to deal with such people. Where is the distinction between those who are involved in communal clashes and vandalism and the executive, which is mandated to protect the lives and properties of the people, when it performs such a dark deed?
The Haryana government should cease such impermissible action and deal with breaches in peace by taking appropriate measures that are unquestionable and mandated by the law.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
Chennai

The demolition of several buildings in Haryana by using bulldozers under the pretext of communal clashes reminds us of a similar exercise in Delhi. In both instances, it was a particular community that was the target. This is blatant misuse of the administrative machinery to intimidate people.

Wasim K.,
Meenchanda, Kozhikode, Kerala

Pakistan today

Ever since its creation, Pakistan has been ruled to a large extent by military rulers. Even after the restoration of democracy the civilian government has most often worked under the tutelage and spell of the Army top brass.
Imran Khan however dared to be different which incurred the wrath of Rawalpindi. The manner in which dissent is being throttled does not bode well for Pakistan's democracy.

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Learning from the CHIPS Act of the U.S.

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The United States' Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act of 2022 (CHIPS Act) completes one year as a law today (August 9). The Act authorises $52.7 billion over five years to boost American competitiveness, innovation and national security in semiconductors.

While the jury is still out on the long-term effectiveness of the Act, what is important from an Indian perspective is to observe and learn from its implementation. As industrial policy has become a default policy of choice for nation-states, the Act provides a clear window into the capabilities and structures needed to execute such policies. While it may neither be possible nor desirable to replicate specific provisions, we outline four lessons to help India execute its semiconductor strategy better.

The Act involves cooperation and coordination between several arms of the government. Four separate funds have been created for the execution of the Act. The Department of Commerce is the lead agency administering the $50 billion CHIPS for America Fund for accelerating semiconductor manufacturing and research. But there are also allocations for the Department of Defense ($2 billion) for defence-unique technologies, the Department of State ($0.5 billion) to coordinate with foreign partners on semiconductor supply chain security, and the National Science Foundation ($0.2 billion) to promote the growth of the semiconductor workforce. This structure highlights the priority accorded to semiconductors.

On the other hand, India's semiconductor industrial policy is being managed mainly by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). The schemes for manufacturing, assembly, displays and compound semiconductors have been assigned to an independent division called India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) within a non-profit company set up by MeitY. The policy for chip design is being administered by C-DAC, an R&D organisation again under the MeitY. The ISM Committee comprises largely MeitY bureaucrats. While the committee is a good beginning, ensuring that the semiconductor strategy survives beyond government terms requires a whole-of-government approach along the lines of the CHIPS Act.

Companies seeking funding under the CHIPS Act are required to submit workforce development plans. A nodal agency, the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC), has been created to collaborate with industry and educational institutions. This must become a focus area for India as well. A competent semiconductor engineering workforce is India's quickest route to gaining leverage in the semiconductor industry. Keeping this in mind, MeitY has begun a Chips2 Startup (C2S) programme, collaborating with over 100 universities and colleges. Like the NSTC, C2S aims to scale up workforce expansion by supporting existing quality training programmes. In the Indian case, however, many private training centres prepare chip designers outside the conventional university system.

Hence, it is important for C2S to focus on certifying good programmes of universities or private training institutes rather than running them.

Structuring accountability

The CHIPS Act has also created a CHIPS Program Office (CPO) to lay down the guidelines for assessing the financial viability of a project. The CPO is hiring Investment Principals and Financial Structuring Directors to catalyse private sector investments. While India also has guidelines for assessing the viability of proposals, a lot remains to be done concerning transparency. The government needs to put out regular monthly progress reports on its semiconductor programme. This will help manage expectations and instil reassurance in India's plans.

The CHIPS Act is not just about bringing semiconductor manufacturing back to the U.S. The Department of Commerce also invests $11 billion focused on future research. For example, the strategy acknowledges that advanced packaging is a leverage point to excel in semiconductors over the next decade. Hence, it envisages a National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program (NAPMP) to help the U.S. gain a disproportionate competitive advantage in the future. Packaging was considered a labour-intensive and low-margin component of the supply chain only a few years ago. However, as downscaling transistors becomes difficult, researchers have zoomed in on advanced packaging techniques that combine multiple semiconductors in a multi-dimensional arrangement on a single substrate, all in one package.

In India's semiconductor strategy, advanced manufacturing and packaging research are not priority areas of focus. This makes sense to the extent that India is currently nowhere in the picture in high-volume chip manufacturing. However, the lesson from the CHIPS Act is that India's strategy needs to identify and invest in research on future technologies.

In sum, the CHIPS and Science Act is a useful template for industrial policy in semiconductors. The administrative capacity that the U.S. has marshalled together institutionalises the Act in a manner that will ensure its continuity beyond governments. We urge that India's semiconductor strategists study the positives and drawbacks of this Act deeply. Nothing matters more in industrial policy than effective implementation.

As India sharpens its semiconductor industry focus, it needs a whole-of-government approach

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Tribals in non-ST villages feel left out

Rights activists decry delay in bringing them under Fifth Schedule protection

STATE OF PLAY

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Tribals who have been cultivating small portions of land for a sustainable living in some of the non-Scheduled Tribe villages and hamlets, predominantly inhabited by PVTGs (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) such as the Khonds and the Konda Doras in Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh, are now a threatened lot. Any day a private person accompanied by a few government officials can move into their villages with earth movers and raze their settlement, which have been their homes since the last four to five decades. Post-bifurcation of the districts by the Jagan Mohan Reddy government, these mandals and villages have been carved out of the composite Visakhapatnam district to be now a part of Anakapalli district.

This is not the case with a few villages in Anakapalli; in all, this problem is present across 553 villages in Andhra Pradesh and 252 villages in Telangana, taking the total number to 805 villages, across the two Telugu-speaking States.

On January 26, 1950, when the Constitution came into force, the Fifth Schedule gave special protection to villages that were predominantly inhabited by tribals across various States. The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution catered to the entire tribal belt of the Northeast. The authorities had demarcated the Fifth Schedule areas, including in Andhra Pradesh, based on documents provided by British rulers.

The issue of tribals in non-ST villages and atrocities committed against them by non-

tribals first came to the fore in Andhra Pradesh during the Srikakulam Naxal uprising in the 1970s.

The then Srikakulam District Collector B.N. Yugandhar and a few other civil servants such as B.D. Sarma and S.R. Sankaran, who looked beyond the law and order issue, realised that these villages, which are predominantly inhabited by tribals and set amid forest lands in the hills, were backward and qualified to be notified under the Fifth Schedule. This would give them the protection under rules enshrined in the Constitution. A report was sent both to the State and the Central governments.

Based on it, the Union Government had asked all State governments to identify such villages and send a report.

On March 10, 1976, then Chief Minister Jalagam Vengala Rao passed a resolution in the Cabinet, identifying 805 villages, and it was sent to the Union Government in 1980, and since then it has been gathering dust. Though other States such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra had pursued the Union Government and got the resolution passed in the Union Cabinet with the President of India passing the order, Andhra Pradesh did not take any interest.

It was only in 2007, that the then Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy took up the issue, as that was one of the main agendas in peace talks with Naxalites in 2004. The issue was discussed in the Assembly, but YSR's untimely death again closed the chapter, despite a valiant effort by Ajay Kumar of Fifth Schedule Sadhana Samithi (FSSS), who was supported by civil rights leaders including K. Balagopal of the Human Rights Forum.

Notifying a tribal village under the Fifth Schedule gives it protection. Primarily, being a tribal village, not an inch of land can be taken from them by any non-tribal or a private corporation. Even the natural resources cannot be exploited, as they are protected by a number of laws and Acts such as the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, the Forest Rights Act (FRA), the 1/70 of AP Government Act and the Samata judgment.

Once these villages are notified under the Fifth Schedule, the villages will be entitled to funds from the Tribal Sub-Plan, which can be utilised for development and they will come under the purview of the ITDAs (Integrated Tribal Development Authority).

Their cases can be settled at the sub-collector or Tehsildar level and they need not run from pillar to post at the civil courts. According to the Yugandhar Expert Group on Prevention of Alienation of Tribal Land, the Dhebar Commission and the Koneru Ranga Rao Committee reports, all the 805 villages qualify to be notified under the Fifth Schedule. They are composite tribal villages and located in forest areas. As per the 2011 census, the population comprises over 50% tribals.

Though Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy has asked the ITDAs to prepare a fresh proposal, members of the FSSS and tribals allege that work is progressing at a snail's pace.

In Andhra, rich districts performed poorly on social indicators

Rich districts featured at the bottom half when categorised on health and education related parameters

DATA POINT

Rebecca Rose Varghese

The Data Team of *The Hindu* has been exploring inter-district differences in southern States through a series of Data Points. District-wise variations in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Telangana were discussed in the previous editions. This is the last story in the series which looks at the inter-district disparities in Andhra Pradesh.

While uneven progress existed in all States analysed, there was a common denominator. In all States, in general, the richer districts performed well in most socio-economic metrics while the poorer districts suffered. This understandable pattern was recorded across all the four States analysed till now. However, Andhra Pradesh did not conform to this trend.

In Andhra Pradesh, richer districts did not top most of the socio-economic parameters analysed. Interestingly, in most lists, they featured at the bottom or in the bottom half of the list.

Chart 1 shows the district-wise per-capita income at current prices for 2019-20 in rupees. Krishna district, followed by Visakhapatnam, East Godavari and West Godavari were the richest, while Srikakulam, Kurnool, Vizianagaram and Anantapur were the poorest, with the rest of the districts placed in the middle. **Chart 2** shows the share of households that used clean fuel (electricity, LPG/natural gas, biogas) for cooking in 2019-21. In middling districts such as YSR (Kadapa), Guntur and Prakasam, more than 90% of households used clean fuel, while in Visakhapatnam, only 73% did so. In East Godavari, only 80% of households did so. **Chart 3** shows the share of households with any usual member covered under a health insurance/financing scheme in 2019-21. Less than 70% of households were covered among the rich districts of Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna. In contrast, poor districts such as Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Kurnool and Anantapur were at the top of the list. **Chart 4** shows the maternal mortality rate (MMR) in 2020-21. The four richest districts were also the bottom four in the list as shown in the chart. West Godavari had the highest MMR of 111, followed by East Godavari (106), Visakhapatnam (102) and Krishna (86). SPSR Nellore had the lowest MMR of 32, followed by Kurnool (40).

Chart 5 shows the average out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure per child delivery in a public health facility (in rupees) in 2019-21. With an average OOP of ₹8,159 spent on child delivery, East Godavari topped the list. Notably, less than half of that was spent in Guntur, which came second on the list. In SPSR Nellore, with an average OOP of ₹1,104, the expenditure was the least. **Chart 6** shows the number of beds available in government hospitals per lakh population. West Godavari with only 52 beds per lakh population featured at the bottom of the list. Krishna district had 66 beds per lakh people, much lower than Chittoor (89) and Kurnool (80). Visakhapatnam, a rich district, topped the list with 109.9 beds per one lakh people.

Chart 7 shows the share of children under five years who were severely wasted (a child who is too thin for her height) in 2019-21. In Visakhapatnam, more than 11% of children under five were severely wasted. On the other hand, in Prakasam and Anantapur, the share was less than 4%.

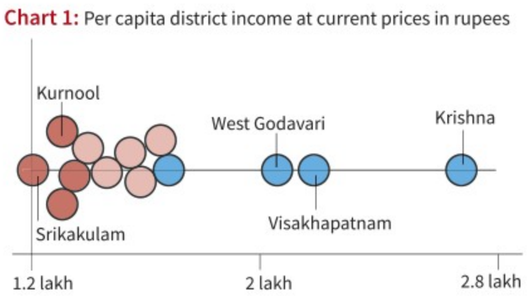
Chart 8 shows the annual average dropout rates for secondary level (Classes IX-X) in 2020-21. West Godavari had the highest dropout rate during this period, with 38.6% of students dropping out of secondary schools. Vizianagaram, one of the poorest districts in the State had the least school dropout rate (8.3%).

Socio-economic contradictions

The data for the charts were sourced from both the National Family Health Survey and the report titled, 'Statistical Abstract Andhra Pradesh 2021' (published by the Government of Andhra Pradesh)

● Districts with high per capita income ● Low per capita income
● Middle per capita income

Chart 1: Per capita district income at current prices in rupees



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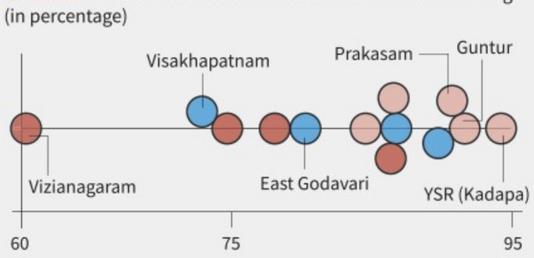

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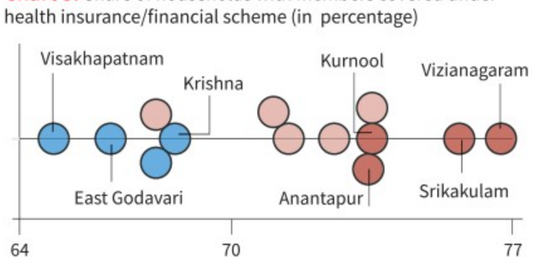

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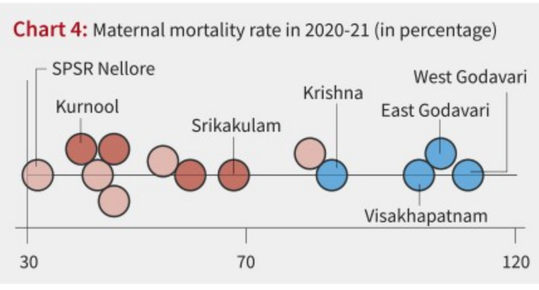

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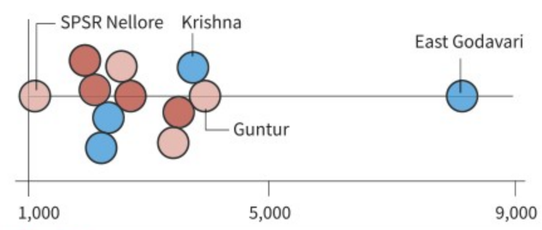

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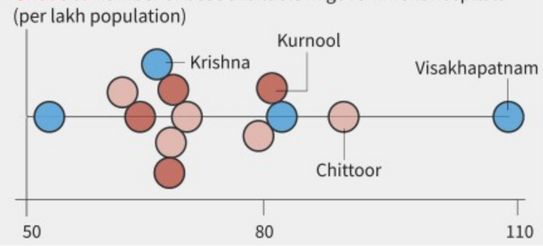

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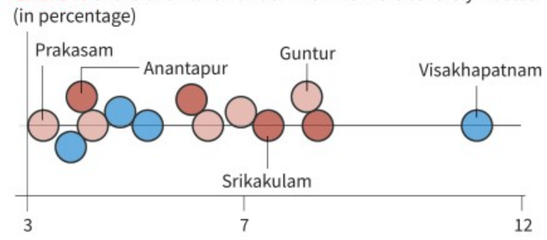
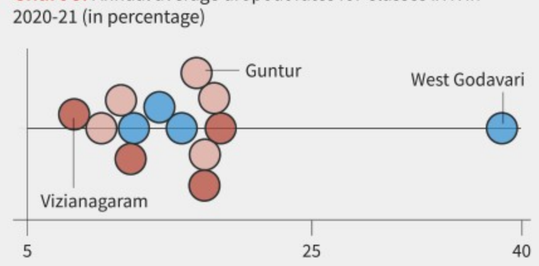


Chart 8: Annual average dropout rates for Classes IX-X in 2020-21 (in percentage)



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FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 9, 1973

Southern Railways and Coal

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, Aug. 8.

The Railway Board has sent instructions to the Southern Railways to curtail its passenger services to conserve coal for the movement of essential goods. Already, a number of passenger trains have been affected by the shortage of coal on the Southern Railway.

The Railway Ministry has said that the movement of coal specials has become sluggish because of the blocking of traffic both towards the north and the south. But it is claimed that in spite of this, the coal stocks with the "major power houses have been maintained at the level that obtained before the strike began".

A Press note issued by the Railway Board said that there had been considerable improvement in the loading of coal on the Eastern Railway. The deterioration that had set in on August 6 has been considerably arrested. The loading of coal wagons had declined on August 6, from 3,600 wagons a day to 2,600 wagons. The level had now been brought to 3,500 wagons per day. This had become possible because shunting trains with diesel engines were run in the coalfields with the cooperation of the willing workers. The coal requirements for the production of domestic gas for Bombay had also been met.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 9, 1923

Epidemic Diseases

Weekly Mortality Report

The following is the report of mortality from epidemic diseases in the districts and Municipalities during the week ending 8th August 1923.

Rural areas – Compared with the last week the epidemics – plague, cholera and small-pox – have much increased. 136 deaths from plague, 83 from cholera and 104 from small-pox against 45 deaths from plague 7 from cholera and 51 from small-pox last week were reported during the week under report. Out of a total of 186 deaths from plague Periyakulam Taluk alone returned 130 deaths. North Arcot district claimed 17 deaths out of a total of 33 deaths from cholera and Malabar accounted for 29 deaths out of a total of 104 deaths from plague.

Municipalities – 9 towns were affected from plague 2 from cholera, and 4 from small-pox. Calicut returned 5 deaths from plague, Gudiyattam 4 from cholera and Cannanore 37 from small-pox out of a total of 5, 4 and 37 respectively.

From Page One

BJP divided Manipur and communities: Cong.

Just when Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla called out Mr. Gogoi's name, Mr. Joshi got up to ask why Rahul Gandhi was not opening the debate as his name was given to the Lok Sabha Secretary General's office minutes before the proceedings started at noon.

When Mr. Gogoi responded by asking if remarks made by the Prime Minister in the Speaker's chamber should be revealed in the House, Mr. Shah dared the Congress member to do so and asked him not to make unsubstantiated claims.

Mr. Gandhi, sources said, is now likely to speak on Thursday, the day Mr. Modi is scheduled to reply to the debate on the no-confidence motion. Mr. Modi was not present in the House when the debate got under way on Tuesday.

The debate not only saw Opposition leaders invoking former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's advice that rulers should follow *rajdharama* [duty of a ruler] without any bias but also repeated demands for the dismissal of Manipur Chief Minister.

Pinaki Misra of the Biju Janata Dal supported the Modi government and opposed the no-trust motion but added that all parties should speak in one voice on Manipur as what was happening in the State was heart-rending.

"Through the no-confidence motion we want to break his vow of silence," Mr. Gogoi said, adding that the Prime Minister should lead an all-party delegation to Manipur and talk to civil society organisations to restore peace.

Mr. Gogoi said the Prime Minister was silent on Manipur because he knew that the double-engine government had failed, the Home Ministry and the National Security Adviser had mishandled the situation and lastly because Mr. Modi did not like to accept mistakes.

He said silence was the strategy of the Prime Minister, be it on Manipur or the protests by women wrestlers or the reported incursions by Chinese troops.

"The Prime Minister is busy maligning the INDIA alliance. It is unfortunate that you are engaged in maligning the name of the country. When you talk of Popular Front of India, Indian Mujahideen and East India Company, we talk of Indian Institute of Technology, we talk about Indian Space Research Organisation, we talk about Indian police force, we talk about Indian Air Force," Mr. Gogoi said. He accused the BJP of using hatred as a weapon to win votes.

(With inputs from Sreeparna Chakraborty)

Police file case against Assam Rifles in Manipur

"It needs to be understood that due to the complex nature of the situation on the ground in Manipur, occasional differences at tactical level do occur between various security forces. However, all such misunderstandings at the functional level are immediately addressed through the joint mechanism to synergise the efforts for restoration of peace and normalcy in Manipur," it said.

The Army said two instances have emerged over the past 24 hours aimed at maligning the Assam Rifles. While in the first case, the Assam Rifles Battalion had acted strictly in accordance with the mandate of the unified headquarters of strict enforcement of buffer zone guidelines towards the aim of preventing violence between the two communities, the second case of the Assam Rifles being moved out of an area is not even related to them. An Infantry Battalion of the Army is deployed in the area (ever since the crisis erupted in May) from where the narrative of Assam Rifles being moved out has been made.

On August 7, the BJP State leadership submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that the "Assam Rifles has been charged by the public for their biased role in tackling the situation by favouring and supporting one side only".

Resolution seeks to scrap plan for UCC

He said it would end the special protections given to Dalits and that a UCC was no panacea for the country's ills.

It seeks to erase the fundamental right of citizens to practice, profess and propagate the religion of their choice and live by the personal laws that their respective faiths prescribe, Mr. Vijayan said.

Opposition amendment

Leader of Opposition V.D. Satheesan's amended the resolution by urging the Assembly to oppose the UCC in toto instead by removing the "diluting" proviso that communal consensus was a pre-requisite for a common legal code. He felt the lack of such an emphasis would water down the resolution's spirit.

The Assembly also registered deep worry over the Centre's bid to impose UCC, expressing worry that it would fracture the country and subsume its ethnic, linguistic and religious diversities.

BJP slams resolution

The BJP condemned the resolution. BJP State president K. Surendran said the ruling front and Opposition misused the Assembly to create religious polarisation to reap political dividends by "appeasing a particular section of the society".

Should Constitution be amended to make Article 370 permanent, asks CJI

Petitioners' counsel Kapil Sibal argues that Parliament and the Union government diluted Article 370 'unilaterally'; the relationship between the Union government and the State of Jammu and Kashmir was 'purely federal', he adds

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Tuesday said that as a constitutional democracy, India seeks its public opinions through established institutions such as Parliament and not through Brexit-type referendums.

The Chief Justice, heading a Constitution Bench examining the challenge to the dilution of Article 370 of the Constitution annulling the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, was reacting to a submission by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioners.

People's will

Mr. Sibal was arguing that Parliament and the Union government had diluted Article 370 "unilaterally",

without making an effort to understand the will of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"When you want to sever such a special relationship with Jammu and Kashmir, you had to ultimately seek the opinion of the people. The will of the people was central to this decision. It should have been a political decision... What happened in Brexit? There was no constitutional provision for a referendum. Yet, they asked for public opinion," Mr. Sibal submitted.

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>
> **D.Y. CHANDRACHUD**
> Chief Justice of India

But Chief Justice Chandrachud said a Brexit situation could not be envisaged in India.

Public opinion

"In a constitutional democracy, seeking the opinions of the people should be through established institutions. Any recourse to public opinion has to be sought through the established institutions. You cannot envisage a Brexit-type referendum... That was a political decision taken by the then government in the U.K... But within a Constitution like ours, there is no question of a referendum," the Chief Justice observed.

Mr. Sibal argued that the Union government had diluted Article 370 through a series of "executive acts", starting with the dissolution of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly and the State government, the subsequent imposition of President's Rule in the erstwhile State and the tweaking of the proviso to Article 370(3) to side-step the pre-condition of getting the recommendation of the now-defunct Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly before declaring Article 370 inoperative.

"You [Indian government] played a fraud on the Constitution," counsel said.

Mr. Sibal said that the relationship between the Union government and the State of Jammu and Kashmir had been "purely federal", and not quasi-federal as in the case of other States.

The consent of the State and its people had been necessary for diluting Article 370.

Permanent nature

At one point, the Chief Justice asked how it could be assumed that Article 370 had assumed a permanent character in the Constitution.

"Was a constitutional amendment required in the Indian Constitution to drop the 'temporary' nature of 370 and make it permanent or can it be deemed permanent merely on the basis that the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly did not abrogate it before dissolving in 1957," he asked.

BJP leader accused of humiliating Muslim youth

The Hindu Bureau
RANCHI

A Muslim youth was allegedly forced to lick his spit by BJP leader Devendra Kunwar in Dumka district of Jharkhand on August 6.

In a video circulating on social media, the former Jarmundi MLA is seen making the youth do sit-ups, forcing to lick his spit and kicking him on his back.

The victim, Taufiq Ansari, is a resident of Sadhudih village. On Sunday afternoon, the villagers caught him and brought him to the panchayat, accusing him of taking photographs and videos of women bathing in a river at Naunihat.

The panchayat members and the villagers then took the youth to the former MLA's residence.

Superintendent of Police Pitambar Singh Kherwar told *The Hindu*, "Once a complaint is lodged against Mr. Kunwar, action would be taken."

Public outcry will not affect a judicial decision: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said public outcry will not affect its judicial decision while hearing petitions challenging the remission granted by the Gujarat government in August 2022 to 11 life convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case.

"Public outcry will not affect our judicial decisions. We will consider only legal submissions. Suppose there is no public outcry, are we supposed to uphold the order? If there is a public outcry, does it mean it is a wrong order?" a Bench headed by Justice B.V. Nagarathna addressed.

After clashes, garment and leather units in Manesar hub face acute shortage of workers

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

The micro, small and medium enterprises, mostly garment and leather goods units, in Manesar Industrial Model Township have been battling a shortage of workforce, with several of their employees from the religious minority having returned to their homes amid fear and uncertainty in the wake of the communal clashes in south Haryana last week.

"Almost half of my 60-odd employees belonged to religious minorities and have left since the clashes broke out. There was a sense of fear, and in some cases the landlords, fearing a backlash, asked them to vacate the premises," said Manmohan Gaind, chief executive officer, M.M. Creations, which makes couture clothing and home furnishings.

Chilling effect: Firefighters douse a fire in a suspected arson case in Manesar following communal clashes in Haryana on August 2. AFP

Mr. Gaind said the manufacturing units engaged in embroidery work had a large percentage of these workers and bore the brunt of it. He said the deliveries were impacted.

Angad of Tangerine Skies said almost one-third of his workforce was from the religious minority and 35-40% of them had left hampering the functioning of the unit. "It started two days after the communal clashes. They have left temporarily, but if they don't return for another week or 10 days, we will be forced to hire new people or enforce overtime to meet the targets," he said.

Vikas Gupta, general secretary, Manesar Industries Welfare Association (MIWA), said some units had labour issues, but there were no direct threats to workers.

"It was more a sense of fear. We also took up the matter with the police and the local administration. Almost 20% of my workforce too is people from the religious minority and two-three of them stay with their families. The employers and the landlords must support the workers in these times to give them confidence," said Mr. Gupta, who owns Three Sixty, a retail leather-style brand.

Devender Mann, station house officer, IMT Manesar police station, said the landlords in the five villages under the jurisdiction of the police station were told not to get their premises vacated from their tenants, meetings were held with the peace committees, the police patrolling was intensified and announcements were made in villages to approach the police in case of trouble.

Trial done in India shows nutrition support prevents TB, related deaths

R. Prasad
CHENNAI

A large trial undertaken in India has underscored the role of nutritional supplementation in sharply cutting down tuberculosis (TB) disease rate in the household contacts of an index patient, and mortality reduction in people diagnosed with active pulmonary TB.

The trial was conducted in four districts in Jharkhand between August 2019 and August 2022. The results of the study were published on Tuesday (August 9) in *The Lancet* and *The Lancet Global Health*.

In the randomised controlled trial involving household contacts of patients with pulmonary TB, nutritional support led to 39-48% reduction in TB disease in the intervention group compared with the control arm. In the study that lasted for six months, 122 people in the control group developed TB whereas the intervention arm had only 96 TB cases.

The 39% reduction in TB disease included all forms of TB (pulmonary and extra-pulmonary), while the 48% reduction was in microbiologically confirmed pulmonary TB. The intervention arm had 5,621 household contacts, and the control group had 4,724 family members.

The nutritional support led to 39-48% reduction in TB disease in the intervention group compared with the control arm. ISTOCK PHOTO

Nutritional support

Each adult family member in the intervention arm received monthly nutritional support for six months – 5 kg of rice, 1.5 kg of split pigeon peas (*tur dal*), and a micronutrient pill; each child below 10 years received 50% of the adult nutrition support. Those in the control arm did not get any nutritional supplementation and were on a usual diet.

The trial also provided nutritional supplementation to all 2,800 people with active pulmonary TB undergoing treatment.

Treatment was successful in nearly 94% (2,623) of TB patients. There were only about 4% (108) deaths during the six-month follow-up. The trial was conducted on 2,800 people with pulmonary TB (1,979 men and 821 women). Over 80% of the participants had a BMI less than 18 and nearly 49% had a BMI less than 16 (severely underweight).

Monthly nutritional support – 5 kg of rice, 1.5 kg of milk powder, 3 kg of roasted chickpea flour, 500 ml of oil, and a micronutrient pill – was provided for six months for people with drug-susceptible TB, and 12 months for people with MDR (Multidrug Resistant)-TB. "In our trial, the mortality was 7% in those under 35 kg body weight compared with 15% in a study carried out by the Chennai-based NIRT (National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis) in Tiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu," Anurag Bhargava from the Yenepoya Medical College, Mangaluru, who led the trial and is the corresponding author of both papers, said.

Early weight gain in the first two months was associated with 60% lower risk of TB mortality.

For ethical reasons, all 2,800 TB patients were provided with nutritional support.

The study documented high levels of severe and extremely severe undernutrition in patients at diagnosis. "Severe undernutrition is one of the contributory causes of deaths in TB patients," Dr. Bhargava said. "Nutrition support provides protection against TB disease akin to a vaccine."

"Among the risk factors for TB, undernutrition accounts for over 40% of new TB cases every year. While other risk factors like diabetes, HIV infection, smoking and alcohol also need attention, the one risk factor that stands out is undernutrition. Studies conducted by the NIRT in Chennai many years ago showed that the TB patients who weighed less than 35 kg had four times higher mortality than those who weighed over 45 kg," Soumya Swaminathan, former Chief Scientist, World Health Organization, and co-author of one paper, said during a press briefing.

Retired judges' views not binding: CJI on Gogoi's speech in RS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Retired judges are no longer "colleagues" and their opinions are not binding, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said on Tuesday, in reaction to a statement by the former top judge and current Rajya Sabha member Ranjan Gogoi about the "doubtful jurisprudence" of the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

The Chief Justice was responding to senior advocate Kapil Sibal's reference to the statement made by Mr. Gogoi in Parliament on Monday.

Mr. Gogoi's statement came during the passage of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023. He supported the Bill, which was passed as law despite multiple judgments from the top court upholding the elected Delhi government's power to administer the capital.

"One of your esteemed colleagues has said that the Basic Structure theory is also doubtful," Mr. Sibal told a Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice Chandrachud during the day-long hearing of the challenge to dilution of Article 370 of the Constitution.

But Chief Justice brushed off the comment lightly.

"Mr. Sibal, when you refer to a 'colleague', you have to refer to a sitting colleague. Once we cease to be judges, whatever we say, they are just opinions and not binding," Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud responded.

APPEAL

Moshik Ganapathi is 3 years suffering from B cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and is in urgent need of Chemotherapy at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs.8,00,000/-. He is very poor and cannot afford this huge cost. Please help him to have a bright future. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/ NEFT Transfer & Google pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C No: 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **Women's Welfare Syndicate** is exempted under 80G IT

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LS session stalled over Sansad TV scroll on Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Opposition members in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday stalled proceedings for over 10 minutes during the debate on the no-confidence motion after some of them objected to a scroll that was appearing on the bottom of the screen of Sansad TV.

BSP member Danish Ali accused Sansad TV of showcasing "achievements of the Modi government". He added that it was "unprecedented to highlight a government's work when a no-confidence motion has been brought in by the Opposition".

Members from the Congress, Trinamool Congress and DMK joined him in the protest. When they refused to allow the debate to restart until the tickers stopped, Speaker Om Birla told the House that he had issued instructions to the broadcaster.

No-confidence motion a sign of mistrust within INDIA bloc: PM

It is a vote to see where the parties in the Opposition alliance stand, says the Prime Minister; those parties that speak of social justice are the ones that harm it the most with their 'dynastic, appeasement, and corrupt' politics, he adds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On a day when the Lok Sabha began the debate on a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, he told BJP MPs that the motion was more a reflection of mutual distrust among the INDIA bloc parties, a device to see who was with them and who was not.

He was addressing BJP MPs at the customary parliamentary party meeting, which takes place once a week when Parliament is in session.

The PM described the INDIA bloc parties as "*ghamandia*" (marked by arrogance), apparently a pun on the Opposition alliance's name.

Mr. Modi also extended his congratulations to the BJP MPs in the Rajya Sabha for their "semi-final" win in voting on the Delhi Services Bill.

Narendra Modi, along with fellow party members, leaves after the BJP parliamentary party meeting. ANI

Explaining his remark, sources said Mr. Modi noted that some Opposition members had described the voting in the Rajya Sabha as a "semi-final" before the 2024 Lok Sabha election. He exuded confidence over the BJP's prospects in the Lok Sabha election.

The Delhi Services Bill secured parliamentary approval on Monday after the Rajya Sabha passed the contentious measure that will give the Centre control over the bureaucracy in the National Capital Territory, with the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) securing an emphatic win in the Upper House, where the numbers are challenging for the Treasury benches.

With the ruling party certain to defeat the no-confidence motion in the Lok Sabha, where it enjoys a strong majority, Mr. Modi used a cricketing metaphor, asking party MPs to hit "sixers" on the last ball before the 2024 Lok Sabha election, sources said.

He also referred to his 2018 speech – his answer to another no-confidence motion brought on by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), a former ally of the NDA – in which he had predicted that there would be another against his government in 2023.

Taking a swipe at the Opposition parties, Mr. Modi said their leaders spoke of social justice but harmed it most with their "dynastic, appeasement, and corrupt" politics. He reiterated his call for "corrupt, dynastic, and appeasement politics" to "quit India".

Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said the PM asked them to organise events to mark Partition Horrors Remembrance Day and to take out silent marches to highlight the pain and tragedy of Partition. Mr. Modi asked party leaders to reach out to households for taking a pledge to do their bit to make India a developed country by 2047.

(With inputs from PTI)

Rajya Sabha disrupted, O'Brien escapes suspension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With the Delhi Services Bill out of the way, it was a no-holds barred battle in the Upper House on Tuesday.

Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar announced Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien's suspension for disregarding his directions, but later dropped the matter altogether. This kept the House engaged for the best part of the pre-lunch session.

The Opposition also submitted a notice to move a privilege motion against the Leader of the House, Piyush Goyal, for calling its leaders "traitors".

By all indications, the Rajya Sabha will see a high-voltage exchange in its last three sittings of the ongoing monsoon session of Parliament.

At 11.20 p.m., when Mr. O'Brien raised a point of order demanding a debate on Manipur, the Rajya Sabha Chairperson took a "strong view" of the MP's use of an opportunity that is conventionally meant for stating a rule position to make a political comment.

Mr. Dhankhar named Mr. O'Brien for misconduct and asked him to leave the House.

Mr. Goyal moved a motion to suspend Mr. O'Brien for the remainder of the session for "continuously and wilfully" disturbing the proceedings.

Tuesday's Rajya Sabha session was adjourned twice over the bitter clash over the attempt to suspend the Trinamool MP. ANI

"Mr. Derek O'Brien is directed to leave the House; he is suspended for the rest of the session. The House is adjourned to meet at 12 noon today," Mr. Dhankhar said, suspending the Rajya Sabha for 30 minutes. The House faced two adjournments before proceedings could be continued.

When the House met at noon, Mr. Dhankhar

Dhankhar announced the suspension in the morning, only to drop the issue after much debate

sought the members' views on whether they approved of Mr. O'Brien's conduct.

A bitter exchange followed between the two sides, with the INDIA grouping of parties strongly objecting to Mr. Goyal's statement.

Another adjournment followed. Even after reconvening, the House could not function.

When the House met at 2 p.m., it was widely anticipated that Mr. O'Brien's suspension would be formalised, but the matter was dropped.

"If O'Brien would have been suspended from the House for this session, do you think he would have been allowed to enter the House again," Mr. Dhankhar asked, adding that for him, taking action against any member is a matter of pain.

"Floor leaders of the INDIA parties have submitted a notice to move a privilege motion against Mr. Goyal for using the word 'traitor' for us," the Congress' Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh told *The Hindu*.

RS again passes four Bills in the absence of the Opposition

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaks about the Inter-services Bill in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. ANI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha discussed and passed four Bills on Tuesday in the absence of Opposition members, who walked out over the Manipur violence.

In the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha has passed about a dozen Bills without contributions from the Opposition side as it boycotted the proceedings raising the Manipur crisis, except during the debate on the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, which was passed on Monday.

On Tuesday, the House passed four Bills – the Inter-services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill; the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill; the National Dental Commission Bill; and the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, moving the Inter-services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill, said the country's inter-services organisations will be able to work in a better way once the Bill becomes an Act. He said it will also help the defence forces keep in tune with the changing nature of modern warfare. "It [warfare] is not conventional now, it has become technology and network-centric... Considering the new challenges, which we and our forces are facing, there is a need for better coordination. This Bill has been brought for that purpose only," Mr. Singh said.

'No plan to interfere'

The IIM Bill, moved by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, was to make President the Visitor of IIMs. Clarifying that the Centre has no intention to interfere in the autonomy or academic accountability of the IIMs, he said the Bill is for management accountability of the institutions.

The House also passed the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, which provides for setting up the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission. The Bill, moved by Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, repeals the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947. The Bill is for the regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by nursing and midwifery professionals, assessment of institutions and maintenance of a national register as well as State registers, he said. The House passed the National Dental Commission Bill. "These Bills are part of the government's effort to improve quality of education in the healthcare sector," Mr. Mandaviya added.

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Bid Identification No.:- BPT/Online-11/2023-24 Date: 05.08.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD WORKS IN ODISHA
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e - Procurement

1. Name of the Work : **Construction of Road works under IDF Schemes in the district Nuapada.**
2. No. of Works : **16 Nos.**
3. Location details : **Nuapada District**
4. Estimated Cost : As per NIT
5. Period of Completion : As per NIT.
6. Cost of tender paper : **Rs.10,000/-** per set
7. Other details :

Availability of tender for online bidding		Last date & time for seeking tender clarification	Date and time of opening of technical bid
From	To		
16.08.2023 11.00 A.M.	31.08.2023 5.00 P.M.	29.08.2023	01.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the web site **"www.tendersorissa.gov.in"**
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No.Tender Online – RWCCESNG-18 of 2023-24, Letter No.2114 /Dtd.07.08.2023
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1. Type of the Work : **Road** (MMSY-TRIP)
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Estimated Cost : As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
6. Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG-18 of 2023-24	21.08.2023 11:00 AM	11.09.2023 5:00 PM	08.09.2023 5:00 PM	12.09.2023 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

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Bid Identification No.:- BPT/Online-14/2023-24 Date: 05.08.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD WORKS IN ODISHA
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e - Procurement

1. Name of the Work : **Construction of Road works under MMSY-TRIP in the district Kalahandi for the year 2023-24.**
2. No. of Works : **16 Nos.**
3. Location details : **Kalahandi District**
4. Estimated Cost : As per NIT
5. Period of Completion : As per NIT.
6. Cost of tender paper : **Rs.10,000/-** per set
7. Other details :

Availability of tender for online bidding		Last date & time for seeking tender clarification	Date and time of opening of technical bid
From	To		
11.08.2023 11.00 A.M.	25.08.2023 5.00 P.M.	24.08.2023	28.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) PROJECTS CIRCLE,THANJAVUR
TENDER NOTICE (ONLINE ONLY)
Tender Notice No.03/2023-24/ SDO /Dated: 02.08.2023.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Schedule Tender under Two Cover System** through **online only,** will be received up to **13.09.2023**, **15.00 hours (Server Time)** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle,Thanjavur** for the work **"Reconstruction of ROB at km 0/2 of MSP camp road near Thiruchirappalli Railway junction in lieu of existing old bridge No:1136 at Railway km 340/4-5 in between Thiruchirappalli junction and Poonkudi Railway stations, Stage -II work" under** RWP 2009-10 pertaining to **Trichy (H) Projects Division**.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **11.08.2023** onwards in the Government website **http://tntenders.gov.in**. If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
Projects Circle,Thanjavur.
DIPR/4340/Tender/2023
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Government of Tamil Nadu
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Chennai Construction and Maintenance Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No .24/2023-2024/HDO/Dated : 04.08.2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **EPC Mode tender through online only** will be received upto **29/09/2023 12.00** Hrs by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for work under Announcement made in Budget session **2022 -2023** (1 Work) pertaining to Chennai City Roads (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works,EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available from **17/08/2023** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

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1.	Name of work	:	Development of Ro-Pax Jetty and allied infrastructure connecting Kaninali in Bhadrak District and Talachua in Kendrapada District, Odisha under Sagarmala
2.	No. of works	:	1 (One) No
3.	No. of Covers	:	Double Cover
4.	Value of works	:	Rs.112.05 Crore
5.	Bid Cost	:	Rs.10,000.00
6.	Period of Completion	:	18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months
7.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the Portal.	:	18.08.2023 to 22.09.2023 upto 17.00 Hours
8.	Date & Time of Pre-Bid meeting	:	01.09.2023 at 11.30 A.M.
9.	Last date & time for receipt of bids in the portal	:	22.09.2023 upto 05.00 P.M.
10.	Date of opening of bid document (Cover-I)	:	25.09.2023 at 11.30 AM
11.	Date of transparent lottery process (If situation arises)	:	Intimation will be given through online
12.	Class of Contractor	:	"SUPER" Class Contractor
13.	Name and address of Officer Inviting Tender (OIT)	:	Director, Ports & Inland Water Transport, Paribahan Bhawan (2nd Floor), A.G.Square, Unit-II, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Pin-751009, Phone-0674-2390355, Fax-2396885, e-Mail- portsnitt.od@nic.in

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement market place, **https//tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Addendum / Corrigendum if any will be hosted in the website only.
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NOTICE
FOR PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH "e"- Procurement
Bid identification No. Online Tender/28-2023-24/PMGSY/BPR

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads & Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of **Ganjam for 03 (Three)** number of packages with estimated cost totalling to **Rs.6.10 Cr (Approximate)** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with **State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways**. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd.**11.08.2023**

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of **Clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) of ITB with Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Berhampur // Superintending Engineer / Executive Engineer of the Concerned divisions** on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement:**25.08.2023 upto 3.00 P.M**
For further details and corrigendum (if any) please log on to **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**.
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur
O-588 : OIPR-25071/11/0031/2324

INBRIEF

Drop plan to shift CHS library, former teachers urge JNU

Following an appeal by students of the Centre for Historical Studies (CHS) at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) to the academic community against the plan to relocate the CHS Library, several historians and former teachers have urged the university to reverse its decision. Last week, the university said that as part of an internal arrangement, it had decided to relocate the CHS Library to an adjoining building, to make way for a Special Centre for Tamil Studies. Sixteen former faculty members of the CHS, including historian Romila Thapar, have written to JNU Vice-Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit expressing shock at the move. The JNU Teachers Association too has opposed the plan.

Plea seeking sealing Gyanvapi dismissed as withdrawn

The Allahabad High Court on Tuesday dismissed as withdrawn a public interest litigation (PIL) petition seeking a direction to the Uttar Pradesh government to seal the entire premises of the Gyanvapi. It was listed before Chief Justice Pritinker Diwaker and Justice Ashutosh Srivastava. As arguments began on Tuesday, the court asked counsel of the petitioners how it was possible for the court to ban the entry of non-Hindus inside a mosque. It also questioned that if the plaintiff was already part of the main suit pertaining to worship rights inside the mosque, then why the plaintiff has not amended the plaint there, and filed for an injunction.

Rahul gets back Tughlaq lane bungalow, may shift soon

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has been re-allotted the 12 Tughlaq Lane bungalow a day after his Lok Sabha membership was restored following the Supreme Court staying his conviction in a defamation case, officials said on Tuesday. The House Committee of the Lok Sabha decided to allot the bungalow which Mr. Gandhi was asked to vacate after he was disqualified as member of the House on March 24 and given a two-year jail term for the 'Modi surname' remarks. "Mera ghar pura Hindustan hai (Whole country is my home)," quipped Mr. Gandhi when asked about being allotted the bungalow. PTI

Govt. starts hunt for Chief Information Commissioner

The Union government has sought applications from eligible candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission (CIC). Transparency watchdog CIC is headed by the Chief Information Commissioner and can have a maximum 10 Information Commissioners. At present, Y.K. Sinha is working as the Chief Information Commissioner. He is due to complete his tenure in early October, an official said. "It is proposed to appoint the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission," an order issued by the Union Personnel Ministry said. PTI

More students using smartphones for entertainment than study: survey

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launches report based on responses of 6,229 parents of schoolchildren in rural communities across 21 States; 49.3% of students have access to gadgets but only 34% of that number use them for studies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A pan-India survey of 6,229 parents of schoolchildren aged six to 16 in rural communities across 21 States revealed that more children used smartphones for entertainment rather than for studies.

The State of Elementary Education in Rural India report, released by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan here on Tuesday, is based on a survey conducted by the Development Intelligence Unit (DIU), a collaboration between Transform Rural India and Sambodhi Research and Communications.

Access to gadgets

The survey revealed that 49.3% of students in rural India have access to smartphones. However, among parents whose children have access to gadgets, 76.7% said the latter primarily used mobile phones to play video games.

Of the students with access to gadgets, 56.6% used the devices for downloading and watching movies, while 47.3% used them to download and listen to music, the survey said. Only 34% use the gadgets for downloading study material, and 18% accessed online learning through tutorials.

Of the 6,229 parents surveyed, 6,135 had school-going children, 56 had children who dropped out of school, and 38 had children who had never enrolled in school.

At least 78% of the parents of girls and 82% of the parents of boys wanted to educate their children to the level of graduation or above.

Students in Class 8 and above had more access to smartphones (58.32%), while students in Classes 1 to 3 also had access (42.1%).

Questions on the learning environment at home revealed that 40% of the parents said that age-appropriate reading materials, other than textbooks, are available at home.

Parent participation

The survey showed that only 40% of parents have conversations with their children around learning in school every day, while 32% have such conversations with their children a few days a week.

The survey also sought to know the reasons for children dropping out of school from a subset of 56 respondents.

As much as 36.8% of the parents of girls who had dropped out said it was because they were needed to help out with the family's earnings.

Additionally, 31.6% of parents mentioned their child's lack of interest in studies, while 21.1% believed that their daughters had to take care of household chores and siblings.

For boys, as per the survey, the key reason for dropping out from school was the child's lack of interest in studies.

As much as 71.8% of respondents cited this reason, while another 48.7% said the boys were required to help out in the earnings for the family.

On parent participation, the survey revealed that 84% of parents stated that they regularly attend parent-teacher meetings at school.

The top two reasons for parents not attending meetings were short notice and a lack of willingness.

40% of the surveyed parents have conversations with their children around learning in school every day

Aspiring for higher education

The table shows parental expectations of a child's educational attainment. About 78% of parents aspire for their girls to attain graduation or higher degrees

Dropping out: Parents of a section of girls said their daughters dropped out of school to help out in the family's earnings R. RAGU

Expected level of education of child	Boy (%)	Girl (%)	Total (%)
Up to elementary	4.4	3.9	4
Up to secondary	2.4	2.8	3
Higher secondary	11.1	15.2	13
Graduation	49.6	50.3	50
Postgraduation/Ph.D.	32.5	27.8	30

- About 80% of parents aspire for their children to become graduates or attain higher degrees
- The survey included responses of 6,229 parents across 21 States of India.

Source: State of Elementary Education in Rural India report

State govt. not imposing Bengali, says Minister

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

A day after the West Bengal Cabinet approved a three-language formula to make students across State-run schools in Classes 5 to 8 study Bengali as a priority language, State Education Minister Bratya Basu on Tuesday said that the government does not wish to impose Bengali.

The Minister said that the second and third languages would depend on the population pattern and ethnic profile of people living in a particular region.

The initiative of having three languages in the curriculum comes in the new education policy being implemented in the State.

After the State Cabinet approved, a government official said that the "main idea is to teach Bengali to youngsters in West Bengal". On Tuesday, Mr. Basu clarified that a student is free to choose his first language and the State government will not interfere with it.

Darjeeling MLA Neeraj Zimba cautioned that the hills had erupted in 2017 over similar attempts to impose Bengali on the people of the hills.

Cong. leaders plan strategy for Assam LS election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday presided over a Lok Sabha election strategy meeting for Assam, and urged party leaders from the State to reach out to people and expose the "misgovernance" of the BJP. The issue of aligning with the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) was discussed, but a majority of the leaders rejected any such move, said a source.

The alliance issue is crucial as the Congress in Assam is seeking to stitch a grand alliance of Opposition parties for the 14 Lok Sabha seats. In the 2021 Assembly election, despite strong opposition from the State unit, the central leadership has tied up with the AIUDF. Many believe that helped the BJP to "polarise" the election campaign and win the polls.

Why no disaggregated data on tribal populations, asks House panel

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

A parliamentary committee on the empowerment of women on Tuesday tabled a report in the House, which pulled up the Union government for not having disaggregated data on the health conditions of tribal populations in the country and called for extensive data collection in this regard.

The panel also called for a review in the Allocation of Business Rules so that the Tribal Affairs Ministry can be empowered to appropriately plan resources for tribal welfare in sectors such as health, education, nutrition, skill development and livelihood.

The committee, headed by BJP MP Heena Gavit, painted a grim picture of the health conditions of tribal women in the country with whatever data was made available to it by the government from various sources.

The panel wants the Tribal Affairs Ministry to be empowered so that it can deploy resources for health and education. BISWARANJAN ROUT

In the report on health facilities for tribal women, the committee noted how several diseases such as sickle cell anaemia and leprosy continued to be more prevalent in tribal populations.

Poor health

In a written note to the committee, the Health Ministry stated that genetic conditions such as sickle cell disease and G-6 PD deficiency were rising in tribal areas and that hypertension prevalence was also high in these areas, in addition to a higher prevalence of communicable diseases such as leprosy, tuberculosis and cholera, compared with other social groups.

More than half of all tribal women in the reproductive age group are anaemic, the panel noted. It added that sickle cell disease testing of around 1.5 crore tribal people in targeted districts had shown 10.5 lakh people to be carriers, with around 50,000 diagnosed with the ailment.

"The committee fails to understand how the Ministries have so far evolved policies or are going to chalk out any action plan to secure maternal and infant health among the tribals without having proper maternal mortality ratio data," it said.

The panel had prepared its report based on interactions with the Ministries of Tribal Affairs, Health and Family Welfare, and Women and Child Development – none of which had specifically disaggregated data on the health conditions of tribal women.

The Tribal Affairs Ministry submitted to the committee that it has already started working on creating a central database for monitoring the health of tribal people.

For this, it said it had declared the Piramal Swasthya, a non-profit organisation, as a centre of excellence, which had started accumulating some disaggregated data for 117 tribal districts.

Court stays eviction notice to Amartya Sen

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

A Birbhum court on Tuesday stayed the eviction notice issued by Visva-Bharati University to Nobel laureate Amartya Sen.

The Central university administration on April 19 issued an order asking Professor Sen to vacate within 15 days 13 decimals of land occupied by his ancestral house, Pratichi. The university alleged that the land was under the "illegal occupation" of the Nobel laureate. The matter will come up for hearing again on September 16, and till then, there will be a stay on the eviction notice.

The university is likely to approach the Calcutta High Court over the matter. Earlier, Professor Sen had moved the High Court, which granted him interim stay against a move by the varsity till the Birbhum court decides the matter.

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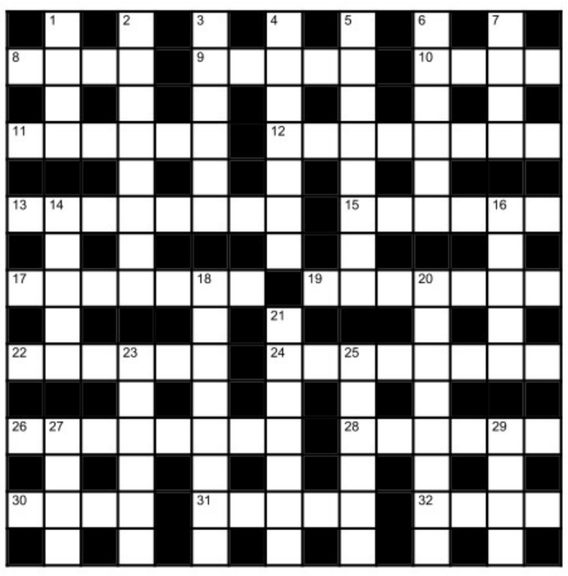

Across

8 Wide or narrow in the beginning, a shoe — in more ways than one — may be this (4)
9 Run out? Safe! (5)
10 Love chap in Middle Eastern country (4)
11 Select the French vegetable in America (6)
12 Shall not start to intone English sailors' rhythmic songs at sea (8)
13 UFO's core is fabricated? Certainly! (2,6)
15 A clue like this got from a crucifix (6)
17 Get attracted to and get duped (4,3)
19 Left bearing embargo on country in the Middle East (7)
22 Violently liberated, rat runs out.. it can be eaten! (6)
24 Without invitation, after United Nations, president went around centre of academy (8)
26 Expelling gas around hospital and getting a small coin (8)
28 Girl adores things to protect her hands (6)
30 This location is mentioned in the report (4)
31 After middle of night, anchor produces spirit (5)
32 Neurosurgeon hoards money (4)

Down

1 Norse god in custody of Apollo killed (4)
2 After start of spring, kaolin is mixed using a bit of egg to prepare a quack remedy (5,3)
3 Turn up with a folded paper (6)
4 Hides remains from cremation under the street (7)
5 Agree! Pat can become a primate (5,3)
6 Advertisement's partly preposterous (6)
7 Accountant and setter arrived (4)
14 Cheat German lady and daughter (5)
16 Arrange notes for rock (5)
18 Funny song about corral with initially insecure gates, for example (8)
20 No gander can produce male hormone? (8)
21 Operator using cutting edge technology in theatre? (7)
23 Sibling has no right to annoy (6)
25 Obtained inside snake in capital city (6)
27 Arranged sale and got drinks (4)
29 Fearlessly shelters nobleman (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The Lord is kind to all

In order to give jivatmas a chance to seek moksha, Lord Narayana gives them bodies. A jivatma cannot have any experience without a body. A jivatma has to perform karmas and experience the consequences and seek moksha. So liberation is possible only when a jivatma gets a body. It is the Lord's daya which gives bodies to jivatmas. Alavandar in his Stotra Ratna uses the word "*Eva*," to show that the Lord alone can do this for us, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse.

Alavandar also says that the Lord is *nisarga suhrut*. Suhrut is one who is well disposed towards us. There may be many who are affectionate to us – parents, siblings etc. But they all have a connection to us because of the roles they play in our lives. So their bonds with us prompt them to be affectionate to us. But the Lord is kind to all, and that is why Alavandar says He is *sarva janto nisarga suhrut*.

Vibhishana refers to Lord Rama as "*sarvaloka sharanya*," for He is the refuge of everyone in this world. Rama accepts the friendship of Vibhishana, the brother of Ravana, who has abducted Sita. Kaushitaki Upanishad refers to the Lord as '*eka bhuta patih*,' and '*eka bhuta pala*' – master and protector of all.

The Lord is the cause for the unique characteristics of the acetanas and the cetanas.

MARSEILLE

Five police officers held over death of a man during France riots

AFP

Five French police, all members of the elite Raid unit, were arrested on Tuesday over the death of Mohamed Bendriss, a 27-year-old man in the southern city of Marseille in early July during nationwide rioting, prosecutors said. The incident took place during the night of July 1-2 during violent protests. AFP

NABLUS

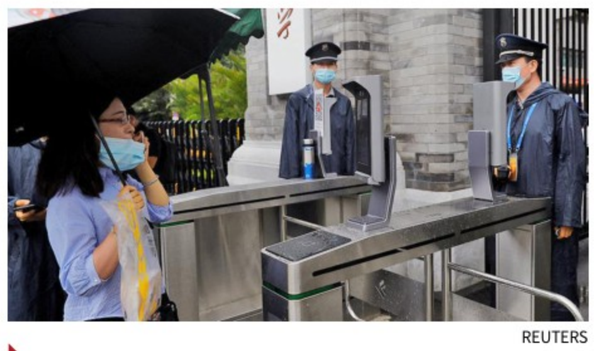
Israel military demolishes home of alleged Palestinian attacker

AP

Israel's Army said on Tuesday it demolished the home of a Palestinian accused of killing a soldier and his brother in the occupied West Bank. Clashes occurred during the overnight incursion to destroy the residence of Abdel Fatah Khroushah in the Askar camp for Palestinian refugees, in Nablus, the military said. AFP

BEIJING

China drafts rules for using facial recognition data since Sept. 7



REUTERS

Firms using facial recognition in China will be required to obtain consent or legal permission before collecting personal information, draft regulations released on Tuesday said, while stipulating the rules would not apply to some bodies. The regulations will enter effect on September 7 following a public consultation period. AFP

WASHINGTON

Blinken says diplomacy 'preferred way' to resolve Niger coup crisis

REUTERS

Diplomacy is the best option for the international community to deal with the coup crisis in Niger, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday. "It is ECOWAS' current approach. It is our approach," he said, referring to the West African bloc's efforts to reinstate the ousted President Mohamed Bazoum. AFP

Graft case impact: poll panel disqualifies Imran for 5 years

Earlier on Tuesday, Khan challenged his conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case, saying the verdict was by a 'biased' judge; he is accused of profiting from selling expensive state gifts

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Strong defence: Imran Khan's legal team speaking to the media outside the High Court in Islamabad on Tuesday. AFP

In a fresh setback to jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan, Pakistan's top election body on Tuesday disqualified him for five years following his conviction in a corruption case.

In a notification issued on Tuesday, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) said that the Chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was disqualified after being found guilty of corrupt practices under Section 167 of the Elections Act, 2017 and his sentencing for three years.

The ECP declared Mr. Khan, 70, disqualified under Article 63(1)(h) of the Constitution read with Section 232 of the Elections Act, 2017.

"Therefore, Mr. Imran Ahmed Khan Niazi is disqualified for a period of five years and is also denotified as a returned candidate from constituency NA-45 Kurram-I," said the notification.

An Islamabad trial court on Saturday sentenced Mr. Khan to three years in prison in the Toshakhana corruption case in which the embattled former Prime Minister is accused of profiting from selling expensive state gifts when he was in power. Mr. Khan was subsequently arrested by Punjab police from his Zaman Park residence in Lahore.

Earlier on Tuesday, Mr. Khan challenged his conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case in the Islamabad High Court, saying the verdict by a "biased" judge was a "slap in the face due process and fair trial" and "a gross travesty of justice". Mr. Khan, who is currently lodged in the Attock Jail, appealed his conviction and the three-year prison sentence in the case by filing a plea through his lawyers.

Russian attack on Ukraine residential block kills 7

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Rescue workers combed through the rubble of damaged apartments in the city of Pokrovsk in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday, a day after Russian strikes killed at least seven people.

The target of the missile attack was a command post of the Ukrainian armed forces, the Russian Defence Ministry indicated in a daily briefing.

Pokrovsk, which had a pre-war population of around 60,000, sits just 40 km from the eastern front line, where Moscow says it is gaining ground.

Seven people were killed in the strike on Monday evening and 81 were wounded, head of the Donetsk region's military administration said.

Man held after knife attack near iconic British Museum

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Rising threat: Police and bystanders stand outside the British Museum after a stabbing incident, in London on Tuesday. AP

A man was arrested in London on Monday for causing "grievous bodily harm", in connection with a stabbing near the British Museum at around 10 a.m. The iconic institution, which gets around six million visitors a year, was briefly evacuated and closed following the incident.

The London Ambulance Service said they had treated a man for an "arm injury" before taking him to a major trauma centre.

"This was an isolated incident and there is no outstanding risk to the public," the Metropolitan Police said in a statement, adding that they were not treating the incident as terror-related."

"People there started to run scared," an eyewitness said as per *BBC* reporting. "We started to run to the museum gate to tell the people there what was happening and to call the police," they said, as per the report. The museum reopened within three hours, with increased security.

"To reassure visitors, as a precaution, we have raised security including a heightened search operation," the museum's administration said.

The U.K. has high levels of knife-related crime, with 50,489 knife-related incidents reported in the year ending March 2022, as per official statistics. Though this was a 7% decline since pre-pandemic times (year ending March 2020), it was up by 5% since last year. While the overall number of knife-related incidents had fallen marginally since before the pandemic, there was a 24% increase in the number of knife-enabled threats to kill, over the same period.

China seeks removal of Philippines vessel

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China renewed calls on Tuesday for the Philippines to remove an ageing ship from a reef that Manila uses to press its stake in the Spratly Islands in defiance of Beijing's claim to nearly the entire South China Sea.

The *BRP Sierra Madre* – deliberately grounded in 1999 in an effort to check the advance of China in the hotly contested waters – has long been a flashpoint between Manila and Beijing. The handful of Philippine marines deployed on the crumbling vessel depend upon resupply missions to survive their remote posting.

The *BRP Sierra Madre* was grounded in 1999 to check the advance of China in the contested waters

The Philippine military and coast guard accused the China Coast Guard of breaking international law by blocking and firing water cannon at the resupply mission, preventing one of the charter boats from reaching the shoal.

Beijing has accused Manila of "illegal delivery of construction materials".

IS attack kills 10 Syria troops, says report

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

Islamic State (IS) group militants killed 10 Syrian troops and pro-government fighters in the former jihadist stronghold of Raqa province, a war monitor said on Tuesday, displaying their ability to keep mounting deadly attacks.

Despite losing their last piece of territory in Syria in 2019, IS has maintained hideouts in the vast Syrian desert from which it has carried out ambushes and hit-and-run attacks.

"IS attacked positions and checkpoints belonging to the regime... setting fire to military vehicles and prefabricated houses," the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Six soldiers were also wounded in the Monday evening attack, with some in critical condition, said the British-based monitor, which relies on a wide network of sources inside Syria. Government troops control rural areas in the south and east of Raqa province, while Kurdish fighters control the rest.

The city of Raqa was the centre of the IS group's brutal "caliphate" until Kurdish-led forces backed by the United States ousted them in 2017.

Prosecutors are seeking to restrict my right to free speech, says Trump

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Donald Trump

Donald Trump pushed back on Monday against a bid by government lawyers to restrict what he can share publicly about his historic prosecution for allegedly conspiring to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

"I shouldn't have a protective order placed on me because it would impinge upon my right to FREE SPEECH," the former President said in a post on his Truth Social platform.

"Deranged Jack Smith and the Department of Injustice should, however, because they are illegally 'leaking' all over the place!" he added in a reference to the special counsel who filed the case against him. In a court filing, lawyers for the former President also argued on Monday that the restrictions proposed by Mr. Smith would violate Mr. Trump's right to free speech under the First Amendment to the Constitution.

"In a trial about First Amendment rights, the government seeks to restrict First Amendment rights," Mr. Trump's attorney John Lauro said, putting forward a line of argument that defence lawyers are expected to make at trial.

Prosecutors asked U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan, who is to preside over the case, for a protective order on Friday after Mr. Trump posted "If you go after me, I'm coming after you!" on Truth Social.

Adverse effects

"Such a restriction is particularly important in this case because the defendant has previously issued public statements on social media regarding witnesses, judges, attorneys, and others associated with legal matters pending against him," they said.

"If the defendant were to begin issuing public posts using details obtained in discovery here, it could adversely affect the fair administration of justice in this case," they added.

In his response to the government motion, Mr. Lauro, said it was "overbroad" and prosecutors were asking the court to "assume the role of censor and impose content-based regulations on President Trump's political speech".

Mr. Lauro asked the judge to limit the protective order to "genuinely sensitive materials".

The twice-impeached Republican has unleashed a stream of invective against those prosecuting him for allegedly trying to overturn the 2020 election results and defraud the United States.

KALOJI NARAYANA RAO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, TELANGANA
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For the transparency in Krishnapatnam Industrial node project, NKICDL has submitted the bid documents to Honourable Judge, Judicial Preview. These documents are uploaded in the official website of AP Judicial Preview on 4th Aug 2023. Any person interested/aggrieved may make representation to **judge.jpp@ap.gov.in, apjudicialpreview@gmail.com** within seven working days from the date uploaded in the Judicial Preview website. Last date for receiving objections/Suggestions is **14-08-2023.** **Sd/- Managing Director, NKICDL**

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1	11/2023-24	WORK OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME NIMBOL VILLAGE SUB DN JAITARAN DIVISION SOJAT DISTT PALI UNDER JAL JEEVEN MISSION	438.13	PHE2324WSOB05532

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Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer,
KWA-JB-GL-6-981-2023-24 **PH Circle, Alappuzha**

Office of the District Collector Pratapgarh
Ref. No: Lekha/ E-Bid/5011 Date: 05-08-2023
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e-Bids under "Indra Gandhi Smartphone Yojana" for the selection of agency for infrastructural arrangements for organizing camps at each Block and District headquarter in Pratapgarh (Raj.), invited from interested bidders upto 1:00 PM on Date 09-08-2023. Other particulars of bid may be visited on Procurement Portal (http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) and (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 210.00 Lacs.
NIB No. CPR2324A0006
UBN No. CPR2324SLOB00006
District Collector
DIPR/C/11695 **Pratapgarh**

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No. 1421 **Dt. 01-08-2023**
NIB CODE: PWD 2324A2071
Short Term NIB NO. 19/2023-24
Bid for 01 No. work Under CM Announcement Year 2023-24 Road work Sanctioned are invited from interested bidders upto 12.00 PM dt. 11.08.2023 (Friday) Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and DIPR department website. The approximate values of the procurement is Rs. **822.00 Lakhs.**
UBN Code No.
PWD2324WLOB09607
Addl. Chief Engineer
DIPR/C/11656 **PWD, Zone Bikaner**

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ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2023-2024
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ऑफ लाईन डी.डी.जमा कराने की अन्तिम तारीख	दिनांक 23.08.2023 दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक
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प्रीबिड मिटिंग तारीख	दिनांक 08.08.2023 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे

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2. **Tender No.037/MYS/MAINT(U)/2023-24 -** Operation and Maintenance of Township Electric at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.
3. **EOI No. 001/MYS/VARNIKA-11/2023-24 -** Expression of Interest for identifying suitable suppliers for supply of raw materials required for manufacturing of varnish and inks for banknote printing for Varnika, BRBNMPL, Mysuru.

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INBRIEF

Maruti to issue shares on preferential basis to parent

Maruti Suzuki India on Tuesday said its board had approved issue of shares on preferential basis to Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) as consideration for the acquisition of 100% stake in Suzuki Motor Gujarat. The transaction is expected to enhance SMC's stake in Maruti Suzuki India to 58.28% from 56.4% currently. Post such acquisition, Suzuki Motor Gujarat (SMG) will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said in a regulatory filing. PTI

Tata Power to set up pumped storage units in Maharashtra

Tata Power Ltd. has signed an MoU with the Government of Maharashtra to develop two large pumped hydro storage projects with a combined capacity of 2,800 MW in the State at an investment of about ₹13,000 crore. "Pumped hydro storage is a reliable and efficient way to store energy, and these projects will support the renewable solar and wind projects to ensure reliable, 24/7 consistent power supply," said Praveer Sinha, CEO & MD, Tata Power Ltd.

Coal India Q1 net profit slides 10% to ₹7,941.4 crore

Coal India on Tuesday posted a 10.1% decline in consolidated net profit to ₹7,941.40 crore for the quarter ended on June 30, dragged by higher expenses. The coal major had clocked a net profit of ₹8,834.22 crore in the April-June period of the preceding 2022-23 fiscal, the company said in a regulatory filing. Total income was at ₹37,521.03 crore, up 4% from ₹36,086.68 crore in the year-earlier quarter. Expenses surged 11.7% to ₹26,785.68 crore, from ₹23,985.31 crore. PTI

'Fiscal firepower necessary to handle exogenous shocks'

No favourable change in global headwinds and associated risks since Union Budget, says Finance Ministry as it conveys inability to release Medium Term Expenditure Framework under FRBM Act

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India needs to retain "fiscal firepower" to effectively manage exogenous shocks as there has been no favourable change in global headwinds and associated risks since the presentation of the Union Budget in February, the Finance Ministry said on Tuesday.

The ministry had at the time cited "unprecedented global uncertainties that may adversely affect medium-term projections" to justify not placing fiscal projections for 2024-25 and 2025-26 in Parliament.

On Tuesday, the ministry conveyed its inability to release the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), mandated by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. The MTEF, it said, required assumptions to be made about the growth rate of the economy and revenue receipts to enable "meaningful expenditure projections and rolling targets" for the next two years.

"Further, effective management of exogenous shocks and global uncertainties necessitates additional flexibility... in terms of expenditure management and fiscal consolidation," the ministry said.

Keeping the powder dry

Finance Ministry underlines the lack of any favourable change in global uncertainties, headwinds since February

- Ministry had cited 'unprecedented global uncertainties that may adversely affect medium term projections' while skipping fiscal projections for 2024-25, 2025-26
- Effective management of exogenous shocks necessitates additional flexibility, it says
- MTEF requires assumptions about growth rate, revenue receipts

China's July exports fall by double digits

Associated Press
BEIJING

China's exports plunged by 14.5% in July compared with a year earlier, adding to pressure on the ruling Communist Party to reverse an economic slump.

Exports fell to $281.8 billion as the decline widened from June's 12.4% fall, customs data showed Tuesday. Imports slid 12.4% to $201.2 billion in a sign of weak domestic demand, widening from the previous month's 6.8% contraction.

China's global trade surplus narrowed by 20.4% from a record high a year earlier to $80.6 billion.

Demand for Chinese exports cooled after the Federal Reserve and central banks in Europe started raising interest rates last year to cool inflation that was at multi-decade highs.

Exports to the U.S. fell 23% to $42.3 billion.

Hindalco Q1 net dips 40% as volumes lag

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Hindalco Industries Ltd. reported first-quarter consolidated net profit slid 40% from the year-earlier period to ₹2,454 crore on 'unfavourable macros and subdued volumes.'

EBITDA at Novelis decreased to ₹3,456 crore from ₹4,334 crore a year earlier. Similarly, Aluminium Upstream EBITDA dropped to ₹1,935 crore (₹3,272 crore). Aluminium Downstream EBITDA was ₹147 crore (₹158 crore).

EBITDA of the copper business reduced to ₹531 crore from ₹565 crore.

Revenue from operations fell 8.66% to ₹52,991 crore. "We will continue to strongly position our company for the future by maintaining focus on ESG, controlling costs, securitising resources and driving downstream expansion," said MD Satish Pai.

Over half of pending farm insurance claims are from Rajasthan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Agriculture insurance claims worth more than ₹2,760 crore till the year 2021-22 remain pending under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), with Rajasthan accounting for over half the awaited reimbursement for farm losses.

State-wise PMFBY claims till 2021-22 that were pending as on June 30, shared by Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, pegged outstanding claims from Rajasthan's farmers at ₹1,387.34 crore, followed by Maharashtra (₹336.22 crore) and Gujarat (₹258.87 crore).

Karnataka, Tamil Nadu

While these three accounted for more than 71% of the pending claims till 2021-22, seven other States' farmers await claims of over ₹50 crore. These include Karnataka (₹132.25 crore), Jharkhand (₹128.24 crore), Tamil Nadu (₹83.55 crore), Madhya Pradesh (₹77.7 crore) and Kerala (₹53.96 crore).

Claims are "generally paid by the insurance companies within two months of completion of crop cutting experiments/harvesting period and one month of notification for invoking risks/perils of prevented sowing, mid-season adversity... subject to receipt of total share of premium subsidy from government concerned within time," Mr. Tomar said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	65,847	-0.16
US Dollar	82.90	-0.18
Gold	60,120	-0.13
Brent oil	85.24	-0.23

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2474.55	-75.95
Adani Ports	784.20	-7.20
Apollo Hosp	5023.35	8.95
Asian Paints	3348.05	5.05
Axis Bank	952.90	5.50
Bajaj Auto	4650.15	-19.95
Bajaj Finserv	1515.75	7.35
Bajaj Finance	7173.60	51.45
Bharti Airtel	885.40	-6.00
BPCL	357.85	-2.80
Britannia Ind	4605.35	-54.40
Cipla	1266.45	42.80
Coal India	230.25	-2.70
Divis Lab	3846.40	-64.15
Dr Reddys Lab	5657.95	27.25
Dummy - Jio Financial Services Ltd.	261.85	0.00
Eicher Motors	3372.00	16.15
Grasim Ind	1844.45	-11.15
HCL Tech	1141.35	-9.45
HDFC Bank	1649.90	-1.35
HDFC Life	645.45	-3.35
Hero MotoCorp	3066.90	112.85
Hindalco	454.75	-10.10
Hind Unilever	2565.85	-3.35
ICICI Bank	979.90	4.25
IndusInd Bank	1403.95	-11.30
Infosys	1390.20	-2.80
ITC	452.35	-2.55
JSW Steel	801.30	-11.75
Kotak Bank	1828.00	-3.55
L&T	2632.20	-3.70
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5082.55	35.50
M&M	1499.70	-27.20
Maruti Suzuki	9542.55	18.75
NestleIndia	22229.25	-230.05
NTPC	217.55	-0.40
ONGC	173.35	0.40
PowerGrid Corp	241.50	-6.45
Reliance Ind	2508.65	-15.20
SBI Life	1349.35	46.80
State Bank	573.10	5.20
Sun Pharma	1148.65	-12.15
TataConsumerProduct	847.45	9.65
Tata Motors	607.30	-2.20
Tata Steel	118.15	-0.70
TCS	3470.60	-13.45
Tech Mahindra	1205.40	21.75
Titan	2921.25	16.65
UltraTech Cement	8156.85	-18.60
UPL	604.35	-2.45
Wipro	416.35	5.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.63	82.95
Euro	90.53	90.88
British Pound	105.10	105.52
Japanese Yen (100)	57.69	57.92
Chinese Yuan	11.45	11.50
Swiss Franc	94.24	94.61
Singapore Dollar	61.31	61.55
Canadian Dollar	61.43	61.67
Malaysian Ringitt	18.02	18.11
Australian Dollar	53.74	53.96

Source:Indian Bank

Svatantra Microfin to buy Chaitanya for ₹1,479 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Svatantra Microfin Private Ltd. said it has agreed to acquire Chaitanya India Fin Credit Private Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sachin Bansal's Navi Group, for ₹1,479 crore.

The proposed acquisition would catapult Svatantra, a part of the Aditya Birla Group, to the second-largest microfinance entity in India with a reach of more than 3.6 million active customers through 1,517 branches across 20 States with a combined AUM of ₹12,409 crore as on March 31, Svatantra said in a statement.

Govt. looks to develop studded diamond jewellery segment

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Centre is looking at the whole value chain of gems and jewellery, right from mining to the final selling, Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said in Mumbai.

"In particular, we are looking to develop the studded diamond jewellery segment which is at the higher value end," he said in a statement issued by the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC).

Sunil Barthwal

"It generates a huge amount of creativity among our youth and it is linked to not only the people who are cutting and polishing, but also designing jewellery.

"This is one of the most versatile industries and it is very important for us," added Mr. Barthwal.

Moody's downgrades U.S. banks, says more to come

Reuters

Moody's cut credit ratings of several small to mid-sized U.S. banks and said it may downgrade some of the nation's biggest lenders, warning the sector's credit strength will likely be tested by funding risks and weaker profitability.

Moody's cut the ratings of 10 banks by one notch and placed six banking giants on review for potential downgrades.

"This comes as a mild U.S. recession is on the horizon for early 2024 and asset quality looks to decline, with risks in some banks' commercial real estate portfolios," Moody's said.

DPDP gives people command over their personal data: EY

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Lalit Kalra

The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill (DPDP) will empower data principals (the natural person/individual to whom the personal data relates) to have command over their data, said Lalit Kalra, Technology Partner, EY India.

"The Bill gives more power to individuals especially in the context that for many years, organisations and various platforms have been collecting personal data of individual citizens," he told *The Hindu*.

It was not only in India, but all around the world, that enterprises have been using personal data for their own business interests, he added.

"Going forward data privacy will play a leading role in organisations' perceived business ethics and how customers perceive the brand," he anticipated.

Wheat prices jump to six-month high

Reuters
MUMBAI

Indian wheat prices surged to a six-month high on Tuesday due to limited supplies and robust demand ahead of the festival season, dealers said.

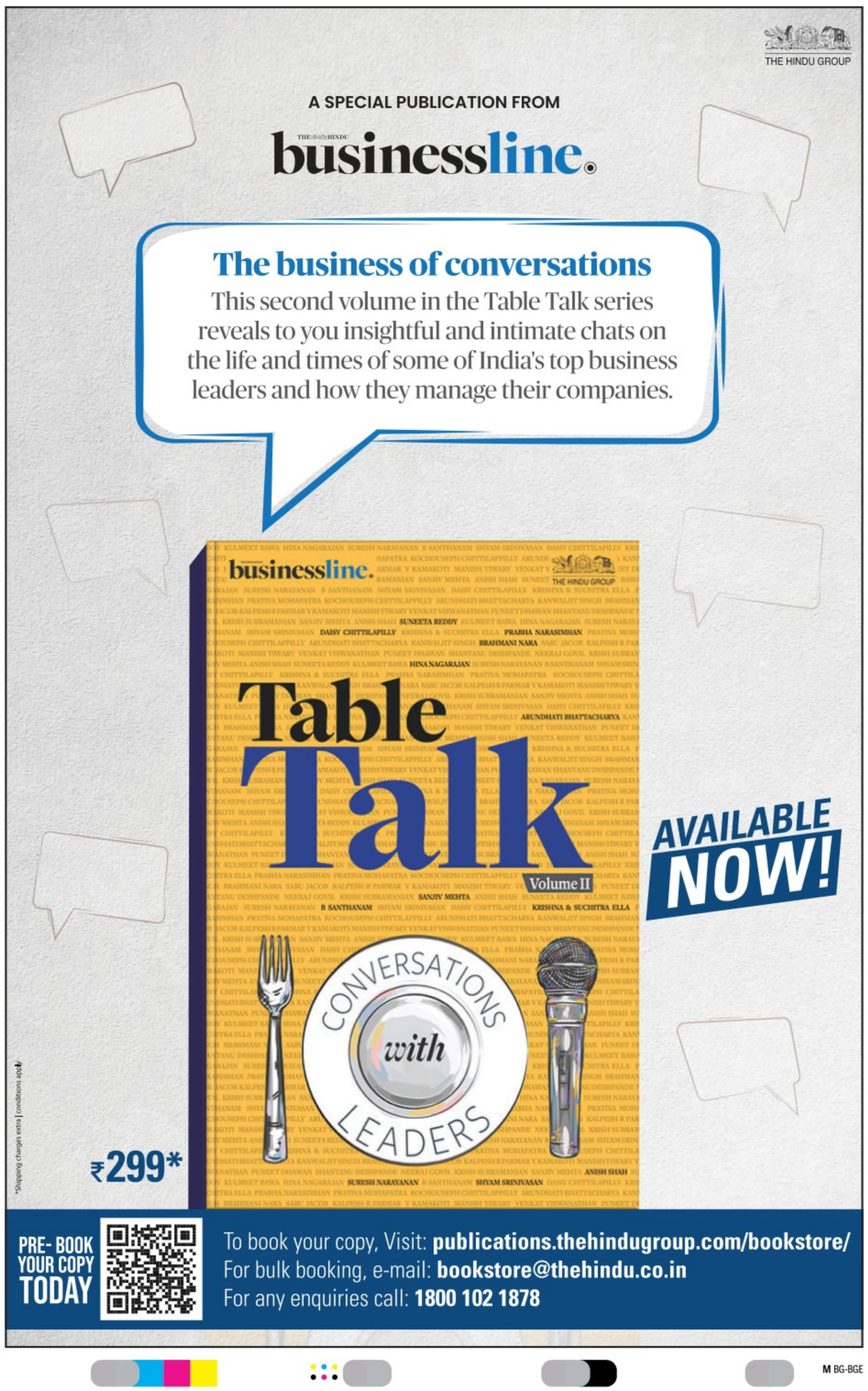
The rising prices may prompt New Delhi to eliminate import duties on the cereal to bolster supplies and control prices ahead of key State polls and next year's general election.

Rising wheat prices can contribute to food inflation and potentially complicate the efforts of both the government and the central bank to contain inflation.

"In all key producing States, farmer supplies have almost come to a halt," said a trader. "Flour mills are struggling to obtain sufficient supplies."

Wheat prices at Indore in Madhya Pradesh rose by 1.5% to ₹25,446 per metric tonne, the highest since February 10. Prices have surged by almost 18% over the past four months.

A leading trade body told Reuters in June India's wheat harvest in 2023 was at least 10% lower than the Farm Ministry's estimate.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LONGEST FORMAT, PLEASE

Harmanpreet wants women's team to play more Test matches

Harmanpreet Kaur has called for more international and domestic red-ball fixtures for the women's team. "This year we have two Tests and I hope those games can make a huge impact on women's cricket and we get more. We have to bring back Test matches because it's very important for women's cricket," Harmanpreet said.

WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE

Pakistan Cricket Board restores Sarfraz's pension after six years

The PCB has restored the pension of former Test pace bowler Sarfraz Nawaz, who had all his payments suspended since January 2017 after making unsubstantiated defamatory statements against former Chairman, Najam Sethi. The ex-gratia payments were discontinued as a result of disciplinary proceedings initiated against him.

NEW SPOT

Opener's role for Smith against South Africa in T20 series

Steve Smith will open the batting when Australia meets South Africa in an upcoming Twenty20 series, selectors said, putting him in the box seat to do the job alongside David Warner at next year's World Cup. It is a remarkable renaissance for the 34-year-old, who was largely overlooked for Australia at last year's failed T20 World Cup campaign.

SPECIAL ONE

Nat Sciver-Brunt is high-class and shines in big moments: Hussain

Nasser Hussain was impressed with Natalie Sciver-Brunt in the recent Ashes series and said the top-ranked batter continues to be underrated. "Nat Sciver-Brunt is just a high-class player and, in big moments, even in losing big moments against Australia at the ODI WC and T20I WC in the final, she is smashing it everywhere," Hussain said.

History and form overwhelmingly favour India against Pakistan

The hosts have superior fitness and experience, but need to tighten up on the discipline front with players being penalised at key moments; with three teams in the race for two semifinal spots, a lot will depend on the other games of the day

ACT HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
CHENNAI

Staying rooted: The Indians have refrained from playing up the clash against their archrivals, taking it as just another game. M. VEDHAN

For obvious reasons, Wednesday's clash between India and Pakistan in the last league match of the Asian Champions Trophy will be the highlight of the tournament. And despite sitting pretty at the top at the moment, India will be hoping to keep the momentum against the archrival as the teams continue fine-tuning their plans for the Asian Games.

India is unbeaten so far with three wins and a draw while Pakistan managed its first win in the competition against China to stay in the race for semifinal. Their contrasting outings put the host as favourite but it will need to avoid complacency and errors to remain on top. It will also have to guard against a desperate Pakistan going all out with a semifinal spot at stake.

Recent history is overwhelmingly in India's favour. A major tournament win for Pakistan came way back in 2014 at the now-defunct Champions Trophy. The last time it won was at the 2016 South-Asian Games, where India sent a developmental side with little expectations. Since then, in 14 meetings, India has won 12 times with two draws, the second of them at the 2022 Asia Cup. But despite the numbers favouring India, rankings, performances and form matter little when the two teams face off.

With a largely inexperienced side that the Pakistan team management has already declared will be persisted with at the Asian Games, every game here is a learning process and the team has shown improved results over the past four matches. The mind games have already kicked off with coach Mohammed Saqlain claiming that they are aware of India's weaknesses and Rehan Butt stating that pressure will be on India and his team has nothing to lose.

In contrast, the Indians have refrained from playing up the encounter, insisting on taking it as just another game and with eyes on bigger targets. That said, the likes of Abdul Rana and Abdul Hannan Shahid can be dangerous for the Indian defence while Umar Bhutta in the middle and Mohammad Sufiyan at the back have been impressive. Pakistan have also made a habit of starting aggressively and creating chances early on and the Indian defence will have to be alert while not conceding PCs.

India's biggest strengths will be superior fitness and experience. Most importantly, the players will have to stick to their structure and play with their heads, not hearts, to ensure that superiority on paper is translated to dominance on the ground. Against Korea, the defence was often caught unawares and the strikers were wayward. Discipline is another area India needs to tighten with players being penalised at key moments.

With three teams in the race for two semifinal spots, a lot will depend on the other games – Japan takes on China and Malaysia faces Korea – and with favourable results, even a draw might be enough for Pakistan to scrape through and set up a potential semifinal clash again with India.

India's priority is to improve from its last performance: Fulton

Uthra Ganesan
CHENNAI

With no practice session to allow enough recovery period for the players, India and Pakistan took contrasting views ahead of Wednesday's big-ticket clash with India preferring to focus on itself and Pakistan declaring the host was definitely vulnerable in areas it would look to exploit.

"It's always an awesome experience to watch (India-Pakistan clash) and now to be a part of it is special. But for us, an improved performance from yesterday will be the priority and we are fully focussed on what we have to do.

"They are in a different situation so that makes it an interesting contest. We are here to play the game in the occasion but we are not here for the occasion, we are focused on where we are as a team to get three points and go into the semis in a good position," India coach Craig Fulton made it clear.

Solid structure

Captain Harmanpreet Singh was equally circumspect. "We play the same style, have the same mentality. Not that now it's any easier but of course, in terms of results, we are doing better and have a better structure. We need to have a really solid structure to counter their individual players and dominate the set pieces and control the ball really well," he added.

Fulton.
FILE PHOTO: B. VELANKANNI RAJ

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Pakistan coach Mohammad Saqlain, however, declared that India was not planning in any structure at all!

"The pressure will be on them. As per me, India is not playing to any structure, they are playing on fitness and PCs and running behind the ball. Pakistan is playing to a structure, Korea and Japan did. India are following the Australian pattern - starting fast to try and finish the game early – so the first quarter will be very important. If we don't give them PC or a chance to score early then we also have a chance to win. Even a draw will be important for us, we just need to finish well and be calm on the field," he declared.

Asian Games hockey: Indian men's team clubbed with Pakistan

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Indian men's hockey team has been clubbed alongside Pakistan and will play the big-ticket match on September 30 in the Asian Games, while the women's side has South Korea and Malaysia among others in its pool.

Placed in Group A, besides Pakistan, the Indian men have Asian Games champion Japan, Bangladesh, Singapore and Uzbekistan against whom they will begin their campaign on September 24.

The women' side, who are also in Pool A, will be up against Hong Kong and Singapore besides South Korea and Malaysia. The Indians will start their campaign against Singapore on September 27.

"We are placed along with some strong teams in our pool, including Japan, who won the Gold medal at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta. But we will treat all teams at par and will not be taking any competition lightly," said Harmanpreet Singh, currently leading the team at the ongoing Asian Champions Trophy, said in a release.

India's schedule: Men (Group A): Sept. 24: vs. Uzbekistan; **Sept. 26:** vs. Singapore; **Sept. 28:** vs. Japan; **Sept. 30:** vs. Pakistan; **Oct. 2:** vs. Bangladesh. **Women (Group A): Sept. 27:** vs. Singapore; **Sept. 29:** vs. Malaysia; **Oct. 1:** vs. South Korea; **Oct. 3:** vs. Hong Kong.

Neighbours' rivalry — fans' delight and a blockbuster

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

The India-Pakistan rivalry in hockey is the stuff of folklore. The two countries first faced each other in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and have gone on to play against each other on more than 170-odd occasions across the globe.

Of late, India's graph is on the apogee while Pakistan's is on the decline. India is ranked fourth in the FIH world rankings while Pakistan is 16th.

The last time the Asian rivals played each other was at the Asia Champions Trophy in May 2022 in Jakarta, when the teams played out a 1-1 draw. S. Karthi scored for India in that match and the Indian striker is looking forward to the battle at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium here on Wednesday.

"It's the same feel. The crowd will be eager to watch us play. I'll play my natural game," he said.

Olympian V. Baskaran, who played in the first India-Pakistan series in 1978 and won the 'Player of the Series', said the best part of the series was the friendship developed among the players of two countries. "Through the Series, I developed a good friendship. I am still in touch with (Siddique) Islahauddin, Hanif Khan... excellent memories," he recalled.

Saeed Khan. K. KEERTHIVASAN

Hockey historian K. Arumugam said the 1995 SAF Games final between Pakistan and India in Chennai was spectacular purely for the crowd's involvement.

"There was frenzied excitement all over the stadium and a reverberating sound. Of course, it was an excellent atmosphere, with the combination of Sanjeev Kumar, Mukesh Kumar and Dhanraj Pillay proving to be mesmerising," he said.

Pakistan coach Rehan Butt said that the crowd will always root for India at Indian venues. "I am pretty much sure that the stadium will be packed with full support for India."

However, Saeed Khan, former Pakistan forward and coach felt that the Indian spectators are welcoming of Pakistan players. "India is amazing. They are cheerful and welcoming of other teams, especially Pakistan," he opined.

Rehan and Saeed also stressed on the point that home-grown coaches can make a difference in their national teams' progress and must be encouraged.

Rehan and Saeed, no doubt, will be cheering for Pakistan. The Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium will have a packed house cheering for the sport.

Suryakumar dazzles; Tilak, Kuldeep shine too as India pulls one back to keep series alive

INDIA IN WEST INDIES

Agence France-Presse
PROVIDENCE (GUYANA)

Suryakumar Yadav smashed 83 off 44 balls as India beat the West Indies by seven wickets in the third T20I in Guyana on Tuesday to keep the series alive.

After India lost T20 debutant Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill cheaply in pursuit of 160, Suryakumar took charge in a dazzling innings comprising 10 fours and four sixes.

He eventually fell clipping an Alzarri Joseph full toss to deep backward square-leg, but Tilak Varma finished unbeaten on 49 and captain Hardik Pandya hit the winning six with 13 balls to spare.

Quickfire knock

West Indies skipper Rovman Powell had earlier dragged his side to 159 for five with a quickfire 40 not out after winning the toss in Providence and choosing to bat.

All-out aggro: India will be buoyed by Suryakumar's return to form with a 44-ball 83. AFP

Brandon King made a run-a-ball 42 while fellow-opener Kyle Mayers (25) and Nicholas Pooran (20) also made decent contributions for the hosts.

Left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav, recalled in place of Ravi Bishnoi, claimed three for 28 to lead the Indian bowling attack. Axar Patel and Mukesh Kumar picked up a wicket apiece.

India cut West Indies' lead to 2-1 in the five-match series after losing the opener by four runs followed by Sunday's dramatic two-wicket defeat.

West Indies is aiming to win its first series of two or more matches against India in any format since 2016, and was on the cusp of achieving it on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES

Brandon King c & b Kuldeep 42 *(42b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Kyle Mayers c Arshdeep b Axar 25 *(20b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Johnson Charles lbw b Kuldeep 12 *(14b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Nicholas Pooran st. Samson b Kuldeep 20 *(12b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Rovman Powell (not out) 40 *(19b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Shimron Hetmyer c Tilak b Mukesh 9 *(8b, 1x4)*, Romario Shepherd (not out) 2 *(5b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-3, w-5): 9; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 159.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-55 (Mayers, 7.4 overs), 2-75 (Charles, 10.5), 3-105 (Pooran, 14.1), 4-106 (King, 14.5), 5-123 (Hetmyer, 17.1).

INDIA BOWLING

Hardik 3-0-18-0, Arshdeep 3-0-33-0, Axar 4-0-24-1, Chahal 4-0-33-0, Kuldeep 4-0-28-3, Mukesh 2-0-19-1.

INDIA

Yashasvi Jaiswal c Joseph b McCoy 1 *(2b)*, Shubman Gill c Charles b Joseph 6 *(11b, 1x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav c King b Joseph 83 *(44b, 10x4, 4x6)*, Tilak Varma (not out) 49 *(37b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 20 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-2, w-1, nb-2): 5; Total (for three wkts. in 17.5 overs): 164.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-6 (Jaiswal, 0.4), 2-34 (Gill, 4.2), 3-121 (Suryakumar, 12.4).

WEST INDIES BOWLING

McCoy 2-0-32-1, Hosein 4-0-31-0, Joseph 4-0-25-2, Chase 4-0-28-0, Shepherd 3-0-36-0, Powell 0.5-0-10-0.

Toss: WI. **PoM:** Suryakumar.

India won by seven wickets with 13 balls remaining, West Indies leads five-match series 2-1.

Fourth T20I: August 12, Lauderhill (Florida), 8 p.m. IST.

INBRIEF

India's U-31 team wins bronze at World youth bridge

India's U-31 team claimed a bronze at the recently concluded World Youth bridge championship in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. The Indian team, which lost narrowly to eventual winner France in the semifinals, beat China 112-104 in the bronze medal play-off match. The team represented by three pairs – Sayantan Kushari-Sagnik Roy, Pritam Das-Souvik Kar, and Swarnashish Chatterjee-Wrik Chakraborty – was led by non-playing captain Shib Nath Dey Sarkar, a gold medal winner at the Jakarta Asian Games in 2018.

Tamil Nadu girls in National sub-junior basketball final

Tamil Nadu entered the girls' final of the 48th National sub-junior basketball championships at Puducherry on Tuesday, with a 54-18 thrashing of Kerala. In the summit clash, Tamil Nadu will meet Chhattisgarh, who beat Maharashtra 64-47 in the other semifinal. Mizoram, defending champion in boys'section, defeated Haryana 68-40 in the semifinal.

The results (semifinals): Boys: Uttar Pradesh 53 (Bharath Rathore 14) bt Madhya Pradesh 51 (Madaibhav Verma 12, Anshul Singh 11); Mizoram 68 (Emmanuel 21, Lafakkzuala 15) bt Haryana 40 (Hardhik 14, Rohith Rathee 10).
Girls: Chhattisgarh 64 (Divya Rangari 14, P. Antra Rao 13, Rumi Konwar 12) bt Maharashtra 47 (Anusha Apoorv Sontakke 16, Vaishnavi Pardeshi 13); Tamil Nadu 54 (M. Kaviya 14) bt Kerala 18 (Subhadra Jayakumar 12).

NRAI to conduct para events in Natl. shooting championships

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) will conduct para events during the National shooting championships. The decision was ratified NRAI's governing body on the request of the Union Sports Ministry. This would facilitate the para shooters to get their import permits for arms and ammunition for training and competition. Henceforth, the para events would be held in the state meets and pre-national, apart from the National championship. The medical categorisation of the shooters would be done by Paralympic Committee of India (PCI). The NRAI has also requested PCI to send a proposal for new matches and also depute a technical expert during the national championship.

Sumit Nagal moves up in Meerbusch Challenger

Sumit Nagal beat Santiago Taverna of Argentina 6-3, 6-3 in the first round of the €73,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Meerbusch, Germany, on Tuesday.

The results: $7,622,925 ATP, Toronto, Canada: Qualifying singles (first round): Radu Albot (Mda) bt Mukund Sasikumar 6-2, 7-5.
€73,000 Challenger, Meerbusch, Germany: Singles (first round): Sumit Nagal bt Santiago Taverna (Arg) 6-3, 6-3.
$115,000 WTA, Kozerki, Poland: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ankita Raina & Dayana Yastremska (Ukr) bt Vivian Heisen (Ger) & Olivia Tjandramulia (Aus) 4-6, 6-3, [10-2].
$25,000 ITF men, Jakarta, Indonesia: Singles (first round): Yurii Dzhavakian (Ukr) bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 6-0, 6-1.,**Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** S.D. Prajwal Dev & Nitin Kumar Sinha bt Corban Crowther (Nzl) & Patrik Oplustil (Cze) 6-4, 6-4.
$15,000 ITF women, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan: Singles (first round): Sanjana Sirimalla bt Arina Solomatina (Kgz) 7-6(2), 6-2. **Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Soha Sadiq & Saumya Vig bt Elizaveta Gurianova & Alisa Kummel 6-1, 7-5; Vladislava Andreevskaya (Kgz) & Prathyusha Rachapudi bt Ariana Gogulina & Anastasiya Krymkova (Kaz) 7-5, 6-3; Asylzhan Arystanbekova & Sandugash Kenzhibayeva (Kaz) bt Laalitya Kalluri & Zlata Saurasava 6-1, 7-6(4).
$15,000 ITF women, Tbilisi, Georgia: Singles (first round): Riya Bhatia bt Lullia Ludenko 6-2, 6-1. **Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Alexandra Shubladze & Celine Simunyu (Irl) bt Riya Bhatia & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 7-5, 6-4.

Swimmer Shoan, shot-putter Anupriya claim medals

Shoan Ganguly and Anupriya Valliyot Sasi claimed silver and bronze in the boys' 400m individual medley swimming and girls' shot put respectively at the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinbago. Shoan came with the best Indian time of 4:25.47 to finish behind England's Reece Grady (4:24:16). Anupriya threw 15.62m in her third attempt to claim the third spot behind South Africa's Alicia Eli Khunou (17.97) and Australia's Xylavene Beale (16.31).

LIVE TELECAST

Durand Cup: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 & 4.45 p.m.
Hockey: Asian Champions Trophy, FanCode, 4, 6.15 & 8.30 p.m.

Colombia pips impressive Jamaica; France shoots four past Morocco

Catalina Usme's side will next face England in the quarterfinals; the French outfit will take on host Australia for a place in the semifinals

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Colombia reached the Women's World Cup quarterfinals for the first time after a 1-0 win over Jamaica on Tuesday.

Skipper Catalina Usme scored the only goal of the game in Melbourne in the 51st minute, bringing the ball down expertly and bending it into the bottom corner. It was the first time at the tournament that Jamaica had conceded a goal.

It set a cagey game alight and sent the pumping pro-Colombian crowd into deafening delirium.

Behind for the first time at the World Cup and facing the exit door, Jamaica abandoned its defensive posture and threw players forward frantically.

Close call
Drew Spence almost grabbed it with a header that spun just wide, but Colombia held on.

It will now play European champion England in Sydney on Saturday for a place in the semis.

In another match, Eugenie Le Sommer scored twice as France eased to a 4-0 win over Morocco on Tuesday.

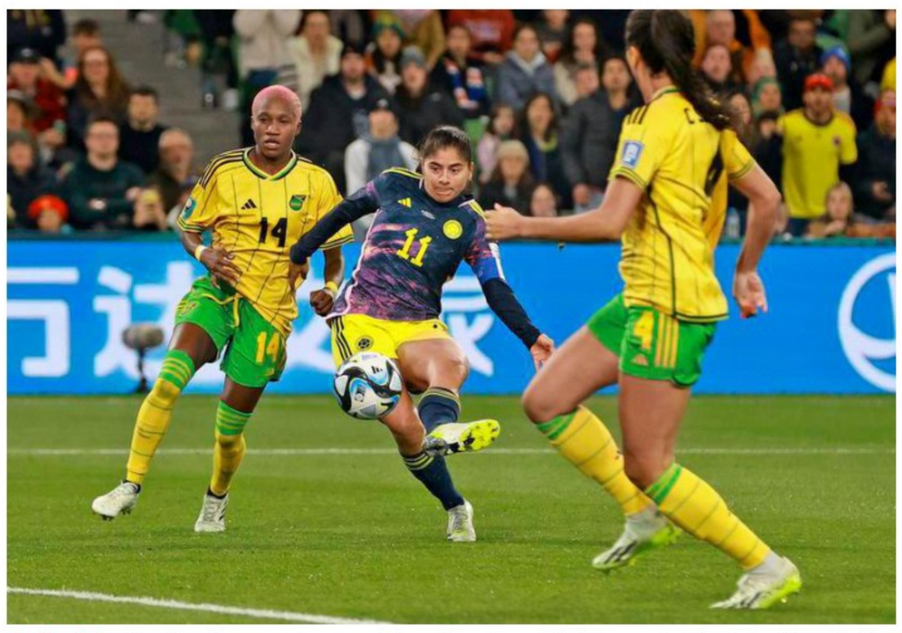
Kadidiatou Diani opened the scoring on the quarter-hour mark and it was 3-0 just after the midway point in the first half as Kenza Dali and Le Sommer added further goals.

France's all-time top scorer Le Sommer netted again 20 minutes from time before a crowd of 13,557 as Les Bleues advanced to the last eight.

France will now play Australia in Brisbane on Saturday.

The quarterfinals will begin on Friday with the match between Spain and Netherlands.

The results: Round-of-16: Colombia 1 (Usme 51) bt Jamaica 0; France 4 (Diani 15, Dali 20, Le Sommer 23, 70) bt Morocco 0.
Friday's fixtures:
Quarterfinals: Spain vs Netherlands (6:30 a.m. IST); Japan vs Sweden (1:00 p.m.).



Curling it in: Catalina Usme, centre, scored the solitary to goal in the game to take Colombia to its first quarterfinals. AP

Neeraj headlines Indian contingent for the Worlds

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra was the biggest star in the 28-member Indian contingent that was announced on Tuesday for the World athletics championships to be held in Budapest from August 19.

While the presence of Neeraj, who is training in Switzerland and will seek to improve upon his silver medal in the previous edition, is a boost for India, the absence of Asian champion shot putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor, who is recovering from a groin injury, has come as a setback.

Ahead of the Asian Games, high jumper Tejaswin Shankar and 800m runner K.M. Chanda, who qualified through rankings, and 20km race walker Priyanka Goswami, who achieved automatic qualifying standard, have also skipped the event.

Steeplechaser Avinash Sable, long jumpers M. Sreeshankar and Jeswin Aldrin and triple jumper Praveen Chithravel were some other leading Indian names in the squad. "Majority of our athletes have reached Hungary to get acclimatised," said chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair.

Long jumper Shaili Singh will leave for Budapest this weekend, while javelin throwers D.P. Manu and Kishore Jena are expected to join the team next week.

Big prize: Neeraj will strive to add the elusive gold medal to his trophy cabinet. FILE PHOTO

The squad:
Men: Krishan Kumar (800m), Ajay Kumar Saroj (1500m), Santhosh Kumar (400mh), Avinash Sable (3000m steeplechase), Sarvesh Anil Kushare (high jump), Jeswin Aldrin, Murali Sreeshankar (long jump), Praveen Chithravel, Abdulla Aboobacker, Eldhouse Paul (triple jump), Neeraj Chopra, DP Manu, Kishore Kumar Jena (javelin), Akashdeep Singh, Vikash Singh, Paramjeet Singh (20km race walk), Ram Baboo (35km race walk), Men's 4x4 relay (Amoj, Jacob, Muhammed Anas, Muhammed Ajmal, Rajesh Ramesh, Arul Rajalingam, Mijo Chacko Kurian).

Women: Parul Chaudhary (3000m steeplechase), Shaili Singh (long jump), Annu Rani (javelin), Jyothi Yarraji (100mh), Bhawna Jat (20km race walk).

Kruis to oversee Indian hockey teams for Junior World Cups

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Hockey India has named former Dutch women's chief coach Herman Kruis as part of the staff for the Junior men's and women's teams ahead of their respective Junior World Cups later this year.

The men's Junior World Cup will be held in Kuala Lumpur in December while the women will play in Santiago Kruis will join the teams during the four-Nation tournament in Germany later this month. He will oversee preparations of both teams.

Kruis, an FIH certified coach-educator, was the Dutch women's coach from 2008 to 2010, finishing runner-up at the 2010 World Cup, and the women's indoor team from 2006 to 2008. Most recently, he was coach of the Belarus women's team.

Interestingly, the current women's coach Janneke Schopman was a member of the Dutch team under Kruis.

"The next four months are exciting and at the same time an important phase in the teams' preparations. I look forward to working with them to achieve the desirable results," Kruis said in a statement.

Durand Cup: Mumbai City FC proves too good for Jamshedpur

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Mumbai City FC notched up its second consecutive win by crushing Jamshedpur FC 5-0 in Group-B of the 132nd Durand Cup here on Tuesday.

Argentine forward Jorge Pereyra Diaz scored twice while Spanish midfielder Alberto Noguera, Dutch midfielder Yoell Van Nieff and Vikram Partap Singh scored one each for Mumbai City.

Jamshedpur FC's youth side failed to match the strength of the Islanders which fielded its full team, looking for a proper build-up to the season. The win took Mumbai City to the top of the table with six points from two matches and brightened its quarterfinal chances.

In the other match of the day, FC Goa thrashed I-League side Shillong Lajong FC 6-0 in a Group-D fixture in Guwahati.

The results:
FC Goa 6 (Rowllin Birges 15, Noah Sadaoui 20, 26, 86, Victor Rodriguez 68, Carlos Martinez 83) bt Shillong Lajong FC 0.
Mumbai City FC 5 (Pereyra Diaz 7, 14, Noguera 40, Van Nieff 47, Vikram Pratap 54) bt Jamshedpur FC 0.

A Tarrant Medal for individuals would be most fitting

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

In the first-ever Test played, in March 1877, Australia had a player born in British India, Bransby Cooper, from Dhaka. A hard-hitting batsman, who once put on 283 runs with W.G. Grace in England, he made 15 and three in that Test.

Cooper is remembered today mainly as an answer to a trivia question, but a man born in Melbourne a few years later, Frank Tarrant, has a deeper historical connection with Indian cricket. The Border-Gavaskar Trophy for the winners of a Test series between the two countries honours two giants, each with an intimate connection with the other's country. Tarrant deserves recognition too.

He was an all-rounder, probably the finest never to have played Test cricket. In the words of *Wisden*, he "swapped Melbourne for Marylebone" playing for Middlesex where he achieved the season's double (1000 runs and 100 wickets) eight times. He once took ten wickets each in five matches in a row. He also played for his native Victoria, and significantly, had a third career in India.

Opening the doors
It is his work in India that calls for a 'Tarrant Medal' perhaps to be awarded to the best players in an India-Australia Test series. It would be a way of honouring an Australian who did much for Indian cricket. Tarrant has been called 'India's oldest cricket friend'. He was responsible for getting Australia to send a team to India for the first time in 1935-36, and opening the doors to one of the most intense rivalries of modern times. He oversaw the laying of pitches and the outfield at the Brabourne Stadium.

By then he had already woven himself into the fabric of Indian cricket. He worked with the Maharajah of Patiala to introduce India to Test cricket, and coached the Indian team for their debut in England in 1932. Tarrant predicted the team would win half their matches. India won nine, lost eight and drew nine of their 26 first class matches.

Tarrant. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Tarrant also umpired in India's first two home Tests, against England, but was kept out of the third after England captain Douglas Jardine objected.

This was because Tarrant had warned Jardine against using Bodyline tactics (this was the first series after that much-reviled tactic was used in Australia which involved bowling at the body of the batsmen). The fast bowlers were Nobby Clark and Stan Nichols. Tarrant stood his ground. Jardine cabled the MCC, and Tarrant was replaced for the final Test. Tarrant's sheer chutzpah in his dealings with the cricket boards of Australia and India hastened the inauguration of cricket ties between the two countries. In his biography of Tarrant, the Australian writer and Indophile Mike Coward speaks of Tarrant's "momentous, selfless and undervalued service to the development of Indian cricket on the international stage."

Tarrant set himself up as an interpreter of the Indian board and its fresh energies to Australia while also making the Indians aware of the conservative nature of Australia's board. When the tour finally got underway, "the Maharajas and Nawabs opened their kingdoms, their swollen coffers, and their hearts to the visitors," writes Coward. Led by the 46-year-old Jack Ryder, the visitors won 11 of 17 first class matches and lost three, two of which were against a team promoted as an 'Indian XI'.

But the scores were incidental. It was the pioneering effort that mattered. Eight members of that squad had played Test cricket, and the five most experienced – Ryder, Charlie McCartney, Bert Ironmonger, Ron Oxenham and 'Stork' Hendry had 87 Tests among them. In his final press conference, Ryder predicted that India would, one day become a powerful cricketing nation.

Impressive record
Tarrant arrived in India in 1908 as coach and consultant to the Patialas. On debut for the Europeans in the Quadrangular Tournament he scored 49 and claimed 10 for 15 in an innings win over the Muslims. He was still playing in the tournament at 56. In a 37-year first class career, he finished with 17,952 runs and 1512 wickets with 33 centuries and 38 ten-wicket hauls.

Tarrant's cricketing credentials are excellent; his pioneering work as coach, umpire, groundsman, administrator, bridge-builder are exemplary. It would be fitting if the Tarrant Medal were to be awarded to one Indian cricketer and one Australian in each series. Tarrant has earned this.

Manoj Tiwary comes out of retirement to play only red ball cricket

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Manoj Tiwary, who captained Bengal to the Ranji Trophy final in the previous season, on Tuesday announced that he would play for the State team for one last season. The 37-year-old Tiwary, who took to social media to announce his retirement five days ago, said he would play only red ball cricket.

"It was an emotional decision. My wife convinced me and the CAB president Snehasish Ganguly told me to give it a thought. I want to win the Ranji Trophy this season, but I am not going to come out of retirement after this season," said Tiwary at a press conference.

Ganguly said the way Tiwary announced his retirement was not correct. "For someone who has played for 19 years and scored (nearly) 10,000 runs, he should have retired on the ground."

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9th – 14th August:

Vasudha Vandan: Planting 75 saplings of long-lasting trees in each village/Amrit Udayan

13th August:

For the first time ever, **Assam Police to have a parade across Dighali Pukhuri**

14th August:

Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas: A Memorial Day, commemorating the victims and sufferings of people during the partition of India in 1947

15th August:

Veeron Ka Vandan: Honouring Armed Personnel and their families

9th –15th August:

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BENGALURU ROUND-UP

St. Joseph's boys rule the roost

St. Joseph's Boys High School swept all three titles, winning the Centenary Shield (U-17), Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial (U-14) and Fr. Claude D'Souza Memorial (U-12) at its inter-school hockey tournament finals held here on Tuesday.

The results (finals): Centenary Shield (U-17): St. Joseph's BHS 2 (Tanush Thammaiah 10, 18) bt Vidyashilp Academy 0).

Special awards:
Player-of-the-tournament: Manav Kaverappa (St. Joseph's); **best goalkeeper:** Manith Mandanna (St. Joseph's); **defender:** Rhys James D' Cunha (St. Joseph's); **midfielder:** Naman Daga (Vidyashilp); **forward:** Angd Pravin (Frank Anthony Public School).

Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial (U-14): St. Joseph's BHS 3 (Adhawan 3, Joel Paul 27, Ayaan Shakeerali 35) bt Chinmaya Vidyalaya 2 (Sachiroop 14, G. Hemanth 50).

Special awards:
Player-of-the-tournament: G. Hemanth (Chinmaya Vidyalaya); **best goalkeeper:** Alen Ben (St. Joseph's); **defender:** M.D. Ghouse (Chinmaya Vidyalaya); **midfielder:** Aksharan Varadarajan (St. Joseph's); **forward:** Ayaan Shakeerali (St. Joseph's).

Fr. Claude D'Souza Memorial (U-12, five-a-side): St. Joseph's BHS-A 4 (Surya Subbaiah 1, 5, Dhanush 7, M. Shourya 3) bt St. Joseph's BHS-B 1 (Joel Nikshepa 18).

Special awards:
Player-of-the-tournament: Suray Subbaiah (St. Joseph's BHS-A); **most promising player:** J. Vismay (Chinmaya Vidyalaya-A).

Victorious: The St. Joseph's Boys HS team that claimed the Centenary Shield U-17 title. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Winner! The St. Joseph's Boys HS team that took the honours in the Fr. Claude D'Souza Memorial U-12 tournament. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Triumphant: The St. Joseph's Boys HS team that emerged on top in the Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial U-14 competition. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Narrow win for Black Panthers FC

Black Panthers FC edged out Satya FC 4-3 in the KSFA Bangalore North & South C-division football league here on Tuesday.

The results: Hawks United FC 4 bt Bangalore North FC 1.

Black Panthers FC 4 bt Satya FC 3; Grass Roots Academy 1 drew with Bangalore Footies FC 1.

Kickstart FC storms into the last four

Kickstart FC entered the semifinals of the Infiniti C Puttaiah Memorial football tournament with a thumping 4-0 victory over Young Challengers here on Tuesday.

The results (quarterfinals): FC Agniputra 2 (Omega Van Lalhruaitluanga 51, Lalnunsanga 68) bt Bangalore Independents FC 2 (A. Arun 8, 13) [4-3 on penalties].

Kickstart FC 4 (Aenam Graffenberg Jura 6, Benjamin Lupheng 11, Prashanth Kalinga 57, A. Ajay 67) bt Young Challengers FC 0.

Barcelona and Madrid face uncertainty ahead of 2023-24 Spanish league season

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MADRID

Barcelona couldn't bring back Lionel Messi, and lost two other stalwarts in Sergio Busquets and Jordi Alba.

Real Madrid couldn't sign Kylian Mbappe – so far at least – and saw veteran striker Karim Benzema leave for Saudi Arabia.

The Spanish league begins this week with the title favourite facing a transition year and squad changes that might open the door for other challengers.

Diego Simeone's Atletico Madrid could be the team to take advantage after keeping most players in a squad that offered the best soccer in Spain at the end of last season. Real Sociedad is another outsider lurking after a strong fourth-place finish.

Barcelona, still not fully healthy financially, saw Busquets and Alba join Messi at Inter Miami, but it brought veteran Ilkay Gundogan from Manchester City to try to boost its chances of successfully defending its first league title since Messi left. Barcelona coach Xavi is also likely to keep Ousmane Dembele after rumours of a transfer involving the France forward quietened recently.

Dembele was one of Barcelona's main weapons in attack last season, along with Robert Lewandowski, the league's top scorer.

Madrid will be without Benzema, last year's Ballon d'Or winner, for the first time in more than a decade. The French striker was the team's top player the last few seasons, leading its attack after Cristiano Ronaldo's departure.

Benzema's exit will put more responsibility on the Brazilian duo of Vinicius Junior and Rodrygo, who last season showed some signs that they could be ready to take on greater leadership roles.

Atletico was one of the hottest teams late last season and showed signs it can challenge Barcelona and Madrid for the title.

With Simeone entering his 12th season with the club, Atletico kept the core of its squad in attack and midfield, and boosted its defensc with Cesar Azpilicueta and Caglar Soyuncu.

There were doubts about whether Joao Felix would stay after a lacklustre season, but the Portugal forward seemed set to remain in an attack that again will be led by Antoine Griezmann.

"We are excited with the start of the league," Simeone said.

Manuel Pellegrini's Real Betis and Quique Setien's Villarreal will hope to build from their solid seasons a year ago, while Sevilla and Valencia look to get off to better starts from the ones that left them near the bottom of the table last season.

Tsitsipas hopes for calm after changes in support staff

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Agence France-Presse
TORONTO

Stefanos Tsitsipas held out hope on Monday that massive changes in his coaching staff will pay results at this week's ATP Toronto Masters.

The fourth-ranked Greek star has gently laid down the law to his father and long-time coach Apostolos, handing over that duty to Greek-Australian Mark Philippoussis, a former US Open finalist.

Tsitsipas relegated his parents to concerned members of his travelling party at the bigger events.

This week's fourth seed at the first of two Masters events prior to the August 28 start of the US Open spelled out his new team order after arrival following his title run at Los Cabos, Mexico.

New swing: Tsitsipas has made it clear that henceforth all coaching will be handled by Philippoussis. AFP

Tsitsipas made a breakthrough in Canada in 2018, finishing runner-up to Rafael Nadal.

The 24-year-old Greek made it clear that all coaching will now be handled by Philippoussis in the hopes his at-times chaotic player box dynamic will calm down..

"(I gave) my father some time off," Tsitsipas said. "He hasn't had time off since I was 12 years old.

"For him, it's very healthy to take some time away from the court and feel refreshed again.

"Of course I love him and I want him to be part of that journey that we have built together – he's not going anywhere. He's still with us, and he's still there following our path and journey."

Tsitsipas said that with his parent now longer acting as coach he's hoping for "much more tranquillity and calmness in the air when I'm competing."

The Greek star was well-known for loudly engaging with his father on court during matches while his mother often had to leave the player box, unable to watch in tense moments.

"Parents can get emotional sometimes and I completely understand that," he said.

Tsitsipas said Philippoussis, 46, has "been through a lot of moments in his career that he can identify and capture better.

"He's an incredible human being. He has helped me a lot and has been there for me. Even when people didn't see him around, he has been there behind closed doors."

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